# NEWBRIDGE SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 4:15 pm

#### **PRESENT**

Patient Representatives: J Hancox, (JH) R Ashwell (RA) J Evans (JE), C Dymond (CD) K Ong (KO) I Gillis (IG)

Practice Representatives: V Roddie (VR), J Griffiths (JG) Dr G Pickavance (GP)

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1.	Welcome & Introductions	
	All participants at the meeting introduced themselves. New member attended -	
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2.	Apologies for Absence –	
3.	J Horton (JH), G Luck (GL) D Luck (DL) A Burton (AB) D Scoop (DS)	
ა.	Minutes of the last meeting – Agreed as a true record	
4.	Matters Arising –	
٦.	Carried forward	
	IPAD support from Black Country Connected	
	CP on the PPG group volunteered at a previous meeting and referred for support	JH
	for internet connection and can feedback his experience. Carry forward to next	
	meeting.	
	Ticker Test as reported at last meeting the trial from Public Health England has	FYI
	ceased and they are reviewing the data.	
	Sleep station referrals continue to increase. Patients can self-refer, in addition	FYI
	this is advertised on our website and promoted by Health Coaches. This has	
	been successful and targeted those patients who take certain sleeping tablet	
	medication to help promote the scheme.	
5.	Items from the Chair	
	Liaison with other bodies – ICB and Healthwatch	
		JH
	Following on from last AGM meeting - JH reported that she had been in contact	
	with ICB – awaiting a response. Healthwatch (Stacey) will come to a PPG	
	meeting in due course. JH to liaise with her re future dates.	
	ICB Feedback from Meeting Attendance	
	Chair reported that there had been no ICB meetings for her to feedback on.	JH
6.	Items from the Practice	
	Because of the Company Bernal West and country 1990 To 1	
	Presentation from Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	EVI
	Johnsthan Lampitt Digital Innovation Project Manager Digital Innovation	FYI
	Johnathon Lampitt – Digital Innovation Project Manager – Digital Innovation Unit	
	Came in to do a presentation regarding a database that was designed by	
	Professor Singh at New Cross Hospital to focus on proactive patient healthcare	

using data and digital tools, with access to comprehensive health information from hospitals, GP's and community services, Johnathon was seeking patient engagement from the group to get a patient's perspective of their needs by providing information and feedback to improve patient expectations. Currently, one of the focus areas is to enhance end-of-life care and improve health outcomes in the last years of life.

#### Staffing changes

## Recruitment of new Reception Team Leader (Laura) and 3 new Receptionist Team members

FYI

Since the last meeting there has been some staffing changes, and training reception team has been priority. CP reported that during his last telephone call that the member of staff did not state their name. VR to action.

JG

Clinical Pharmacist - Heena started 7.10.24 – working 3 days per week - Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

#### <u>Telephone – Soft Phone System</u>

Still problems with not being able to use Soft phone telephone system via laptops and computers due to ongoing network issues. This facility would be useful in an emergency situation and to assist with business continuity planning.

FYI

From previous Friends and Family feedback. The Welcome message is too long and patients would like to reduce it down. Whilst patients are holding there will be different comfort message played this is to help promote campaigns such as NHS App, Accurx etc. JG to amend this on the telephone system

Comfort message to be played whilst holding.

#### **NHS Appts**

Currently training up staff members to assist with NHS app and Ambassador training as previous postholder has left.

FYI

### Newsletter - Autumn version

Copies were printed and handed out at the Flu Clinic on Saturday 5th October 24.

JG/LU

5507 Newsletters are going out this week via Accurx – our messaging system. 281 patients have no recorded telephone number so the Reception Team are working on this list to update it, some patients of course reside in Nursing/Care Homes will form part of this list and Newsletters are going out to Nursing/Care Homes.

#### Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been set up but due to cookies etc there is a lot of housekeeping involved so that it has not gone live officially. JG to liaise with ICB Comms team to see if there is anything they can suggest to reduce the amount of junk postings. Initially we were looking at using this as a method for one-way

JG/LU

	communication to help support and promote any health campaigns. updated. Going forward Laura our new Team Leader is going to add content and monitor with the help of our ICB Colleague.	
6.	Primary Care Network (PCN) Updates	
	PCN Staffing  New part time Cancer Care Co-ordinator commenced and also working as Ageing Health Co-ordinator role for the Primary Care Network. Speaks Punjabi and will	FYI
	be working at Whitmore Reans and Duncan Street.	
	Jo Mangwana - Mental Health Nurse started and is placed in Surgeries within our Primary Care Network – working at Newbridge Thursday pm. Dealing with Severe Medical Illness cases and can prescribe medication.	FYI
	Meet the team event at East Park on 17 <sup>th</sup> September. This was successful and patient engagement. The team will look at setting up more events like this across the Network.	
7.	Friends and Family Test	
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Abbreviations used above:
PCN – Primary Care Network
ICB – Integrated Care Board
FYI – For your information
ALL – All to action AGM – Annual General Meeting