

**PEEL MEDICAL PRACTICE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday March 26th 2024 at 5.00pm.**

Present: D Lever (Chair) S Crosby S Greenwood C Arnold V Levai
H Loxton R Coggins Dr Sellers B Coleman J Dyoss L Kellyman

1. Welcome – DL welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies - J Garner S Smith M Shott

Prior to the meeting agenda, she introduced Helen Waite from "The Up Lab" to whom the PPG recently made a donation. Helen thanked the PPG for its generous gift, which will be used to buy a hot press enabling a wide variety of items to be made. She went on to explain what the organisation is and does, demonstrating this with several items made in the lab. SC showed photographs DL had taken of the lab when she visited it. The PPG found Helen's talk very interesting and wished the lab well in the future.

3. Minutes of previous meeting – approved.

4. Practice Update/Primary Care – SC said things are in a state of flux as we approach the end of the financial year, and contracts are being renegotiated. DR S confirmed it is unclear what GP surgeries will be expected to do regarding ear wax removal, she hopes the position will be clearer soon. The practice has discussed joining the Business Community Connector Scheme and plans to join in the near future. It remains unclear whether the Peel, as a training practice, can accept gifts from the PPG. The latest newsletter has been modified and accepted by the partners, it is now available to view online and on the noticeboard.

BC thanked SG for sending out the info on the dementia exchange website. The practice has renewed its Support for Veterans affiliation. Dr S explained that this is part of its contractual three patient enhancement schemes. The others are the Daffodil Standard (Macmillan end of life care) and Deaf Awareness Training, as a result of which a deaf patient was delighted to be able to communicate with a receptionist who had had the training.

5. Huw's News – HL reported that Cherry Orchard House is now open and in use. Blood pressure tests are now available for people aged 40+ at pharmacies; this has resulted in a long queue for Crest pharmacy next door to the practice. Patient Choice, which enables patients to choose where they go to receive care and treatment, is being widely advertised. There are plans to

build three nursing homes north of the town; one currently being built on Ashby Road, one on the site of the former college in Upper Gungate (no planning permission has been granted yet) and one on land adjacent to the Rugby Club in Wigginton Park (again, no planning permission as yet). The latter is likely to replace Meadowrythe on Comberford Road. HL asked what the implications were for practices. SC said the Peel already supports three nursing homes, so it will be interesting to see how this is decided. Dr S said it will be shared out based on each practice's patient population. JD asked where the nurses would come from. A good point. HL finally said he has joined the Patient Association which is free and has a very useful website and offers webinars offering a great deal of useful information. DL said she has also joined and the website is very good.

6. **PG monies; proposals for use** – DL confirmed that both organisations have received the donations agreed by members. She visited both and took photographs, (SC displayed these), and described what the Self Supporting Children site does. The donation will be used to buy plants for a Nature Trail where children can forage for food. The committee agreed that both organisations are very worthy of their support.
7. **Noticeboard display of a doctor's day** – this is now finished and is based on the information provided by Dr Y recently. We hope patients will find it interesting and informative.
8. **Contact with other PPGs** – DL said the ICS has declared the intention to create a PPG network for Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. It will be run by PPG representatives and provide a two-way link between PPGs and the ICB. The first meeting is on May 8th 6pm online. DL will attend and report back. She said the initiative is welcome and hopes it will improve communication both across PPGs and beyond.
9. **AOB** – JW has provided provisional PPG meeting dates for the year. **These are: May 21st; June 18th; July 30th; August 20th; September 17th; October 29th; November 19th;** Macmillan and Christmas coffee mornings in September and December respectively, dates to be decided.
10. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday April 30th 2024.

DL thanked everyone for their contributions. The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.