

PANGBOURNE MEDICAL PRACTICE

PPG Meeting Minutes

Held on 29 July 2021 at 6.15 pm

Virtual Meeting

Present: Barry Ashdown, Rosie Barker, Joan Bott, Lee Carter, Sarah Dixon (Chair), Doreen Hawkins, Kim Hiscutt, Dr C Keast, Kit Marriott, Gill Reid, Diana Smith

Temporary Secretary (non-member): Adrian Dixon

Introduction and welcome to new members

Claire Goodwin and Nils Krumry (new members)

1. Apologies

Linda Price, Carolyn Geraldine, Louisa Nicoll, Claire Goodwin, Nils Krumry

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

No amendments.

3. COVID-19 Update/Vaccines

Clinics were held throughout August – the final second dose clinic was on 22nd August, and this completes phase 2. This includes all the other surgeries in this PCN. Younger people appear to be less compliant than older cohorts, however.

Flu jabs may be given at the same time as a COVID booster, but not known if this is possible yet. Dr Keast said it can be better to give people the two at the same time rather than time between.

A slight increase in cases has been noticed since “Freedom day”, but nothing like the other waves so far.

It is not yet known whether the same vaccine will be given as a booster.

Hospitals are reporting that the people who come in are less poorly and less likely to die.

COVID measures in primary care: very much still under strict guidance, 2m etc, remote consultations where possible – face to face only as needed.

Dr Keast said that he is sure that the need for being careful is important. He also said that telephone / video consultations are very efficient and greatly reduce numbers in the waiting room.

It was reported that someone had been told they could only make appointments by telephone (rather than by calling in person); Dr Keast confirmed that keeping footfall in the Surgery to a minimum was a priority.

4. GP Registrars and new staff

Dr Thompson is the current registrar (qualified but doing final training) – just finished. Dr Giselle Franklin is about to start. A new phlebotomist has just joined and is facing a backlog. In September a new pharmacy technician is starting. In October a new diabetes nurse is joining. These new staff are just for Pangbourne. Two are brand new staff positions.

5. GP Survey results

The surgery team is pleased with the results and the team have been praised.

6. Cancer Screening

Will be focusing on mental health screening. Rosie also asked that all members encourage friends, family and colleagues to come for screenings as usual rather than leaving it.

7. AOB

“Art café” is booked for 9th October. Help is requested, prize donations, cakes etc. This is to raise funds for raise funds for an Infant Oximeter probe.

We heard that a petition is being raised in Pangbourne to encourage the Surgery to join the EPS prescription service. Dr Keast said that the Surgery is reluctant to do this, however.

The NHS want to use anonymised patient data for statistical and research purposes. The surgery team are currently working on a communication about this for website / Facebook. There are two levels of opt-out and you will be opted in to both unless you opt out. The data are very important to the NHS, but so is patient confidentiality and data protection.

Rosie was thanked for the extremely helpful village website updates.

Date of next Meeting Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 6.15 pm (in person if possible).