

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting held at Long Bennington Medical Centre on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: KB, JE, LS, CS, AT, NB, MG.

1. **Apologies for absence**
SB
2. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting for 16.10.2024**
Agreed as a true record.
3. **Matters arising:** Discussed as part of today's agenda.
4. **Surgery Updates:**

22nd Well Being Walk today

- Walk led by JL.
- There will be no walk in December and walks will set off at an earlier time of 10:45am every 3rd Wednesday of the month in 2025 (excluding the usual August and December months).
- CS agreed to produce 2025 posters, KB to distribute.
- CS to investigate purchase of a foil blanket and resuscitation mouth guard in case of emergencies.

DNA's

- 96 for October (200 Oct 2023).

Minute Taker

- LS agreed to minute take the January meeting.

Flu Clinic stats

- 1479 vaccinated for flu on 5.10.24 plus 440 for Covid.

Home Visit support update

- 1-1 walk visit to be arranged by KB.

Tea n Chat

- SB to update at the January meeting but initial findings are that these meetings are to continue for the foreseeable future and the organisers were pleased to hear that that their work was greatly appreciated.

Digital Co-Production Meeting

- SB to provide an update in the January meeting.

Pension Credit Awareness

- Following on from the succession AT has had helping a patient to claim PC. CS advises all that DWP currently has a campaign running to encourage older people to claim Pension Credit. If they do so before 21st December, they may be eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment...

With an estimated 880,000 households potentially missing out on Pension Credit, DWP are sharing an awareness of Pension Credit and seeking assistance from partners who we appreciate may have already been messaging this to their communities.

Dementia Group Support

- The October meeting was a craft-based activity session where members created Christmas crackers and decorated a Christmas tree for display in the local church.

Foston Neighbours

- SB or ER to provide an update in the January meeting. It had been identified that the Foston Village Hall was now closed due to electrical damage caused by rodents. This will impact many Foston Neighbour activities including our own Dementia group meetings. Various alternative venues were suggested. NB to identify a suitable venue.

Poppies

- Almost £25.00 was raised from the Poppy display and all proceeds will be given to the Royal British Legion. CS thanked all for their contributions.

ECG's

- These can now be obtained via a GP referral at the Grantham Diagnostic Centre.

Christmas & New Year Opening

- The Medical Centre will be closed 25th & 26th December and 1st January.

Mince Pie PPG & M&G 11th December 2024

- Most PPG members are hoping to attend, Christmas jumpers are optional. Posters are currently on display, extras laminated for PPG members to take to local schools, and it was mentioned that the local gift shop may support and put one in their window.

AGM date

Date fixed for 6th March 2025 on Teams, time TBA.

- Vacancies for new PPG members could be filled by approaching local schools and advertising in their newsletters. LS agreed to approach LB School and JE will speak to a member of the Claypole School Governing body.

AOB

- CS received an enquiry from a patient who appeared interested in joining the PPG. No further news received to date.
- Newark UTC new opening hours discussed with the group – AT commented on a recent experience his family have had there and praised them highly.
- Reverse Advent Calendar – The Medical Centre is collecting donations for the 3rd year running and welcome donations – members took a photo of the suggested donations.

Actions:

CS to produce Well Being Walk posters

KB to distribute posters

CS to investigate purchase of foil blanket and resuscitation mouth guard

LS to minute take the January meeting

KB to arrange a 1-1 home visit walk

SB to update PPG on Tea n Chat

SB to update PPG on Digital Co-Production

SB or ER to update PPG on Foston Neighbours activities

NB to identify venue for the monthly Dementia Group

All PPG members are invited to host the mince pie gathering on 11 December

LS to approach LB School re PPG member opportunities

JE to approach Governing Body at Claypole School for new PPG members