

# MRS PPG MINUTES

THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 @ 19.15

Mill Road Surgery

Present:

Peter Barfield

Matt Carter (MRS)

Dr Nirmalan de Silva (MRS)

Steve Essam

Henry Fried

Simon Huggett

Marilyn Hurst

Karen Pimlott

Lara Rogers (MRS)

Ellora Roy

Carolyne Taylor

Anne Turrell

Apologies

Vivienne Klimowicz

Jo Fried

1. **(CT)** welcomed everyone and new members Ellora Roy and Anne Turrell
2. Clare Williams has resigned from the PPG.
3. Matters arising/Action Points from previous meeting.
  - It was decided that a recruitment drive was not needed at the present time due to the current increased membership. There is a strapline on the waiting room screen regarding joining the PPG.
  - **(MC/LR)** have investigated further the possibility of a dropped kerb next to the disabled parking bay. A ramp is not viable due to the incline and safety aspect. The landlord gives funding to the practice, and this could be earmarked for a dropped kerb if allowed. The Disability Discrimination Act could be used as a lever to persuade the landlord to allow this to go ahead.
  - **(CT)** to email the NAPP password to members as it has changed.
4. Update from surgery.
  - Staffing. Currently a stable situation. 3 new Registrars have joined the practice (Trainee GPs).
  - The construction work is complete, and Drs Carpenter and Morant have moved into the new rooms upstairs. It is planned to convert Rooms 14 and 15 into 3 rooms next year.
  - **(MC)** has had a demo of the Online Triage system. He is to visit Abbey Field practice who already have this installed
  - The appointment structure is changing. There will be more appointments online, on the day and within 2 weeks.
  - A new vaccine is being administered to the over 75s. RSV protects against respiratory virus.

- Covid clinics will take place in October, probably 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
5. Newsletter
- The draft newsletter was discussed. Amendments to DNA data was noted. **(MC)** to send **(PB)** wording re RSV/Shingles vaccine information. Also include that blood tests are available at PCT.
6. Garden Project
- The grant application to the PCC was successful. **(MC)** to check account to see if money has been transferred (£500). In addition, there is £350 from the proceeds of book sales at the surgery. The gardening subgroup need to meet to discuss the ordering of planters, compost and bulbs etc. **(LR)** suggested a water butt. This needs to be checked with the landlord.
7. A.O.B
- **(SH)** felt that the service from GMG Pharmacy(formerly Rowlands) was much improved.
  - It was noted that DNAs had risen during the last quarter. It was suggested that a break down of reasons for missed appointment may be useful

The next PPG meeting is to be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 @1915 at the surgery.**

8. Action Points
- **(CT)** to circulate NAPP password
  - **(MC)** to possibly earmark landlord funding for dropped kerb.
  - **(MC)** to inform **(CT)** re vaccine clinic dates
  - **(MC)** to send wording to **(PB)** re RSV/Shingles vaccine.
  - **(LR)** to check whether a water butt can be installed
  - **(CT)** organise Garden subgroup meeting
9. Agenda items for 21/11/2024
- Garden Project