

# MRS PPG MINUTES

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 @ 19.15

Mill Road Surgery

Present:

Peter Barfield

Karen Pimlott

Amy Bridgland

Carolyn Taylor

Matt Carter (MRS)

Anne Turrell

Dr Nirmalan de Silva

Steve Essam

Marilyn Hurst

Apologies:

Vivienne Klimowicz

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Lara Rogers

Ellora Roy

1. **(CT)** welcomed members to the meeting
2. Action points from last meeting
  - Members email addresses have been circulated
  - Katherine Kirkman, Social Prescriber wrote an article for the newsletter
  - NAPP password circulated
  - Key safe purchased ?
  - **(MC)** The practice is to be part of a trial for a prescription alert facility.
3. Update from Surgery
  - Staffing
    - Dr Carpenter is to retire in January. Dr Leonhardt will be the Senior Partner
    - Dr MacGregor is due to take maternity leave
    - Another GP will be joining the practice; his time being shared with Highwoods and Bluebell.
    - Shelley, the Practice Nurse has retired and has been replaced by Lindsey
    - 3 GP registrars are leaving, and 3 new Registrars will be joining for the next year.
  - Vaccine Clinics
    - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 8 – 1pm
    - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 8 -1pm
    - Flu 65+ Covid 75+
  - Blister Pack Recycling
    - The surgery no longer can receive these
  - Online appointments
    - The forms are available to complete 7.30 – 9.30am (approx.)
    - Patients can ring to make routine appointments
    - In the future there is a national expectation that the system should remain open until 6.30pm.

4. Patients Medical Review

- **(CT)** responded to a patient's query regarding requesting a medication review as they were unable to do this online. They were informed by a receptionist when visiting the surgery that it was an online request only however the online forms had closed. It is planned for receptionists to contact patients when a review is due.
- Patients to be made more aware that the PCC carries out blood tests.

5. Planters are looking colourful. Bulbs to be purchased in the near future. The area outside the main entrance needs a tidy up.

6. Newsletter **(PB)** has produced the latest draft edition.

- It was agreed to include articles on the Menopause and Bowel cancer screening in the next issue. Also "new mums" **(AB)**.
- The pleasing results of a recent survey of practices were noted.

7. Ideas for future projects

- **(CT)** asked members to consider ideas for the future. The NAPP website may be helpful.

8. A.O.B.

- **(SE)** noted that the hospital carpark is still opened
- **(SE)** asked about the dropped kerb – no progress
- **(KP)** asked how many patients are registered – 18,300
- **(MH)** asked about the grounds upkeep. The shrubs/bushes are pruned every 6 months.

The next PPG meeting is to be held on **Tuesday November 18th 2025 @1915 at the surgery.**

9. Action Points

- **(MC)** to forward a few sentences regarding Dr Carpenter's retirement to **(PB)**.
- **(CT)** to produce rota for vaccine clinics
- All members to look at NAPP website

