

PPG Virtual Committee Meeting, 12th January 2021 via Zoom

Present: Lynne Mitchell, David Standen, Angela Millington, Alison Green, Jenn Hesmer, Andrée Stevens and Lin Holmes

1. There were no apologies
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed with a minor alteration.

Matters arising

- The PPG letter composed by AG had gone into the Newsletter and Facebook.
- DS reported that he and SB would be having their meeting about the Newsletter on 26th January 2021.
- COVID vaccine – LM reported that she had been to the East Sussex PPG Steering Group meeting held on Microsoft Teams:
 - ~Surgeries had given patient details to the NHS, which was driving the vaccination programme. There was a general discussion about various people known by committee members to have received the vaccine and that it is not always obvious if people have underlying health issues. The situation regarding the rollout of the vaccine and which groups are to be vaccinated seems to be changing rapidly but is generally following what has been published. Each person has to wait to be invited.
 - ~JH and AM were now receiving communications from a variety of people at the NHS Commissioners. LH had received some and Andrée none. LM would resend the Data Protection form.
 - ~The Steering Group is becoming too large. Hastings, Bexhill and Rother are now combined with other areas in the East Sussex Primary Care Network. The Terms of Reference may have to be re-written.
 - ~NHS 111 up and running.

3. Role of Secretary
LM asked if anyone could help out as AM, JH and LM had been doing the minutes on an ad hoc basis. Neither AM nor JH wanted to take on the Secretary role but would take turns with the minutes and would appreciate anyone else doing the odd month. There were no volunteers, but AG offered to help out with any special correspondence.

4. Newsletter ideas:
LM will write something on the Citizens' Advice Bureau.
JH wondered if there was a possibility of Beaconsfield vaccination numbers being included.

A.O.B LM read on the NHS website that the NHS are giving GPs £10 for every care home resident vaccinated this month.

Dates of next three meetings

9th February, 9th March 2021, 13th April - 7.30pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at approx. 8.35pm.

