

Minutes for PPG Meeting 8th June 2021 at 7.30pm

Present.

Lynne Mitchell (LM) Chair, Angela Millington (AM), Jenn Hesmer (JH), Andree Stevens (AS), Lin Homes (LH), Alison Green (AG), Dr Radia (for a short time).

Agenda.

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting agreed and no matters arising.
- 2) LM, AM & JH reported on the PPG Forum meeting held that afternoon.

A brief discussion took place about the email sent from Sue Bendall about GDPR and the opt-out from the data sharing which will be taking place in the near future.

3). Dr Radia then joined us to discuss the sharing of patient data and the pros and cons. Some data has to be shared by the surgery as their funding is dependent on the numbers of people with certain conditions that they are treating. Some of these figures are useful for the NHS to know where and how many people are suffering from certain conditions. There are 2 ways that patients can opt-out of patient sharing, the first means that you opt out of all data sharing and the second allows data sharing that the NHS assures us will be anonymous.

GPs have to allow data sharing unless you have opted out, it is in the GPs contract. It was also discussed as to how people can access the forms needed.

After hearing from Sue Bendall at our last meeting and also listening to statistics from the PPG Forum this afternoon the PPG congratulated Dr Radia and his staff on the way they have managed over the last 12 months with the pandemic and the changes in the way they have had to operate.

Engage consult and the way it was used was also talked about with Dr Radia.

Dr Radia left the meeting at 20.10

It was decided that we would try and get a zoom meeting with Sue to sort out what we could put on the July News Letter and Facebook to make sure patients are aware of the opt-out options.

4) The vaccine drop-in meetings were discussed. The younger people have been asking more questions before their vaccines and the staff administering the vaccines are becoming exhausted. The work load is not going to ease with booster jabs needed. Also in Hastings there is quite a lot of vaccine hesitancy among the younger population which is going to take time and effort to overcome. Most of us knew of somebody who had decided not to be vaccinated.

The NHS are seriously worried about a third wave and the fact that the unvaccinated will suffer and also enable the virus to spread. Dates were shared for mobile vaccination centres in Hastings over the next few weeks.

5) We decided we also needed to discuss the Facebook page and the hosting of the zoom meeting with Sue.

LM also gave us the dates for future Forum meetings on Microsoft Teams or face to face depending on the situation.

The meeting closed at 20.45

Our next meeting is 13th July at 19.30t

PPG Forum meetings in future 7th Sept 2021,
7th Dec 2021,
8th March 2022