

PPG MEETING NOTES 01/02/2021

Present: Dr Darren Jackson, Emma Finney, Doreen Gladman, Michael Gould, Brenda Jackman, Angeline Jones, Peter Leyland, Derek Marvin, Sue Palmer, Alan Plumpton, Lynda Plumpton, Joan Scott, Lorraine Shipley, Kerry Smith, Joanne Truscott, Tracey Underwood. Diane Wightman.

Apologies were received from 3 patients.

Alan Plumpton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Presentation on Covid 19 by Dr Jackson:

The presentation is attached and deals with both national and local issues such as vaccination, care homes, case rates, new variants, and long covid.

Some points from discussions:

Barwell hopes to vaccinate 2000 patients by next week.

A person having had Covid is unlikely to still be infectious after two weeks even if still coughing.

All but one or two Care home staff accepted the vaccination.

Long Covid clinics have opened up in Leicester.

If a person has been vaccinated they should still have testing if they display symptoms at a later date.

Carers can check if they are on their surgery list as carers (see Tracey Underwood's report.)

Please try not to call receptionists about vaccination second doses. They will call you.

Presentation on Public Health Recovery Workers by Sue Palmer:

Sue Palmer has been appointed as our Public Health Recovery Worker
Please refer to the attached presentation for the information on what this new role involves.

To contact Sue use any route such as via Local Area Co-ordinators as they are all linked.

Report by Tracey Underwood on Carers:

Carers are still meeting on the second Tuesday of every month via Zoom.

Carers are still not being contacted and are not feeling supported.

If you are look after someone, even if it's a visit to a Neighbour to check on them or deliver food on a regular basis, you are classed as a Carer for that person. To get on a surgery list as a recognised carer call the surgery, or check on the surgery website using your log in. You can also contact Leicestershire Support For Carers 01858 468 543 maureen@supportforcarers.org who will send details to your surgery. Tracy pointed out

Barwell and Hollycroft are good at registering carers some other surgeries are not.

Leicestershire Support for Carers have an excellent Carer's Passport that can be downloaded to your phone or printed and used with a lanyard as ID when carrying out caring services. See the website for details. <https://www.supportforcarers.org/>

Carers are in category 6 for vaccines if not in older age groups. It was felt that carers should be vaccinated along with the person they care for. The surgery are not however given the freedom to vaccinate patients outside of groups 1-4 currently.

Report on Barwell Surgery by Dr D Jackson:

Dr Jackson reported that the new building had now been signed off and he revealed that it will be on the High Street in Barwell.

The aim is to have the building complete by August 2022.

The meeting were shown images of the plans. Plans and a questionnaire have been sent out via email to people whose emails are held by the PPG. All patients are encouraged to comment on these.

This will be discussed in detail at the meeting on May 17th 2021.

Other business:

Alan Plumpton reported that:

Laura O'Neill has started work as the new Local Area Co-ordinator replacing Kerry Smith who is now Senior Social Prescriber. Further social prescriber roles have been advertised and are going through the normal checks. The hope is that someone will be in post in 4 weeks approximately.

Maples Surgery still has a Hot Hub being used for examining people who have Covid symptoms or a diagnosis and need examination.

The Hinckley and Bosworth Active Friends Scheme run by HBBC team is looking for volunteers to meet up and go for a short walk socially distanced with a person who needs the company. Anyone including Befrienders who may be interested or want to consider walking with their Befriendees please contact Alan.

The Hinckley and Bosworth Health Care Project to consider the Hinckley Hospital plans and refurbishment of the Hinckley Health Centre have been revived. Alan is joining the Board as a Patient Representative. The original plan is having to be revisited in light of COVID. The original plan was to redevelop the Health Centres, provide a new Endoscopy Suit and extra consulting rooms in the same building also updated X-ray facilities. A new X-Ray machine is in place but in the old building.

Thanks were offered to the doctors and all the health professionals and volunteers at both surgeries for the excellent work being done in this crisis.

Date of next meeting:

May 17th 6:00pm via zoom.