

Kelsall PPG Meeting

Thursday 13 May 2021

held by conference call

Minutes

Present : Caroline Stein (Chair), Alan Bottomley (Vice Chair), Michele Elvin (Secretary), Dr Claire Baker, Jen Bottomley, Nick Kuszniir, Fiona Smith, Alan and Ann Parsons, Rena Gardner, Davina Crawford-Young, Julie Johnson, Monica Haworth.

Apologies

None

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None not covered on the agenda

Chair's report

Arthur Wycherley has decided that he will stand down from the PPG because he uses another medical centre and has done so for years. He remains very keen to help with activities e.g. Flu/Covid clinics. He will remain active on the fundraising Hub projects. Caroline thanked Arthur for his support over the past few years.

The Rural Alliance Care Community has had its first steering group meeting and Kelsall's PPG will be actively engaged with this. The Hub was a vision that sits well within the concept of the Care Community. Caroline thanked everyone who helped with the questionnaire around our practice website. Caroline congratulated Nick on his excellent work with the PPG website.

For the next PPG meeting Caroline hopes that we can have a representative from Bright-life to talk about their role in the RA PCN or, if that is not possible, another guest.

Update on the Medical Centre

Claire reported that everyone now knows about the Medical Centre move. All older members of staff in the practice are now vaccinated but the constrained space still provides challenges with social distancing. Old Bank continues to be used for some activities e.g. bloods, and is easy for patients to drive up and park immediately outside. The medical centre has reinstated the waiting room but there is no room for any more than four people at social distance.

The practice is now looking at the front desk management in light of Covid. Two staff members are looking at best practice examples.

Having dispensing capacity in the surgery has been very effective during lockdown. Electronic prescribing will be happening at the surgery.

Nick asked whether there is an 'upbeat' update on the surgery which could be included on the PPG website. Julie wants to ensure the messaging is consistent with PCNs.

ACTION: Julie will check with PCN and then send some text to Nick to put on the website.

For anyone who does not yet have the NHS app it is a good idea for people to download as soon as they can. And also, to have a photo of their vaccination card, should proof of vaccination be required.

Covid vaccine update

Final Pfizer clinics are now being held this week and Astra Zeneca clinics will be held next week. By the end of the month all second doses will be completed at Cheshire View.

Care Community Update

Caroline will be representing all the Chairs of the PPG Rural Alliance. Live Well is a directory which the doctors, social prescribers and Volunteer Community Connectors can use. We are going to ask all the PPGs in the Rural Alliance to help updating this with local information to assist signposting. Caroline is keen that the Kelsall PPG is involved.

ACTION : Everyone to take a look at Live Well and see if there are any gaps which we can update. Michele to circulate link with the minutes. [Home | Live Well Cheshire West \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\) www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Claire noted that Live Well is a Council led initiative an eventually everything will be driven through this site and provide a localised directory for Cheshire West. Care Hub is therefore being wound up. The PPG website should retain this link however until Live Well is populated over the coming three months.

PPG Communication

Julie will now be working with the PPG chairs of the Rural Alliance and with Charlotte Fisher from the CCG. Work will start on Kelsall medical practice website as soon as possible and all the Rural Alliance websites will have a page for the PCN. It should be possible to incorporate additional information into our PPG website. Unfortunately, Chris Hornby who works for the PCN is off on sick leave at present so there will be a delay.

Wellbeing Hub

Building work is progressing very quickly now. The opening date is 1st March 2022. We have created a 3D image which is helping us to visualise the space and how we want it to look. Progress is being made with communications and soon we hope to go live with an up to date website, social media presence and posters. A draft timetable of activities is being created and there will be a consultation event in September to ensure the local community has an input to the planning process and how the Hub will be used.

Jen reported on the fundraising programme. The group is now active again as lockdown comes towards an end. The first fundraising event is **Saturday July 17** - a ferret racing event at the Morris Dancer. The sponsors are the vets, the medical centre, Morries, Duttons the butchers, Citrus café and No 1 Hair & Beauty. The two future events are a big quiz in the Community Centre on **Saturday 16 October** and a Christmas Market on **Saturday 27 November**. There will be adverts in KADRAS and also in the surgery.

Any Other Business

None

Date of next meetings

Next Meeting : on **22 July at 5.30 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams. Any apologies to the Secretary, Michele Elvin. Date of the **following meeting** is **Thursday 16 September**. This may be held in person at The Morris Dancer (t.b.c. closer to the event).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 18.20.