

MINUTES WPPG THURSDAY 18/7/2024

Apologies:

Stella Mackinnon (SL), Michelle Marshall (MM), Dr.Tawfiq (Dr.T)

Present:

Mike Rawson (MR), Acting Chair

Sharon Leonard (SL) Practice Manager

Ian Kerr (IK)

Doug Landin (DL)

Elisabeth Buckley (EB)

Minutes 16/5/2024:

Minutes were confirmed as correct

Matters Arising:

It was pointed out that the last copy of minutes was not posted either on the Practice website or upon the notice board in the patients waiting area.

Action 182: New Members. Naseem Agha will contact members of her community to ask for new members

Action 186: Impact of changing Warfarin Clinic Arrangements. No complaints or concerns or comments had been forthcoming from any patients at Woodlands. A Facebook comment from a patient at Woodbridge Surgery in Ingleby Barwick, indicated an improvement with the new arrangement. Patients at Woodbridge had

previously been required to carry out their own testing at home, get the sample to the surgery and wait for the sample to be returned from the lab before receiving their results.

Action 187: Election of Officers. Ongoing.

Planned Business:

1. Practice Accommodation: It was agreed to remove this ongoing action from the agenda in the future. SL assures us that the PPG will be the first to know if there is any change
2. List of media organisations to contact re the INR clinics. MR has passed relevant information/correspondence to his MP, Matt Vickers, local councillor Lyn Hall and BBC Look North. The BBC expressed an interest but nothing has been forthcoming since the initial contact in early June. Local MP contacted the ICB and was assured that all procedures had been correctly adhered to. Lyn Hall, who has an interest in health issues concerning Stockton, has pursued our concerns with some vigour. She was assured by the ICB that everything was in order and that the correspondence regarding the surveys and tendering had been ignored by HASH. HASH and Woodlands dispute ICB's account. Lynn Hall is aware that there is a difference of opinion and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the issue with SL.
3. The meeting agreed that we, as a PPG, had pursued the Warfarin Clinic arrangements as far as we could. We hoped that the concerns that we had raised would at least have an impact upon any future change of health contracts.
4. Projects Looking Ahead. SL expressed concerns that the number of patients taking up the offer of Flu Jabs at Woodlands was falling and wondered if there was any way that we could help to increase numbers. IK pointed out that it was much easier for patients to simply walk into a pharmacy to have a Flu Jab rather than wait for an appointment at the surgery. SL was very supportive of any Health projects that we were prepared to initiate. Lyn Hall has indicated that any health promotions initiated by Woodlands may well have the support of Stockton Borough Council.

Any Other Business

SL Indicated that very shortly there will be a change over of trainee GP's , five new faces. Details and updates to follow.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th October 2024 1.30 pm