

# Minutes of the Meeting of Castle Medical Group PPG, held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at CMG

**In attendance:** Martin Cooper; Sue English; Tony Green; Hilary Mercer; Bhiku Mistry; Michael Phillips; Lesley Salter; Karen Wesson; Jennie Caukwell.

Welcome to guests and potential new members; Andrew Barson; Sue Freeman; Jane Turnock

## 1 Apologies for absence

Pulendran Arasaradnam; Brenda Hall; Hugh Hall; Carol Land; Paddy Miles; Renee Robinson

## 2 Presentation: Andrew Barson, Local Area Coordinator

Andrew Barson made the following report on actions and events:

- There had been a number of successful events around the Coronation. They proved helpful in attracting volunteers for various organisations.
- Next year (2024) there would be a Sports Fun Day, possibly June 24th. A good opportunity to raise membership and funds. PPG to look at. **MC/TG to follow up**
- AB noted that in a few weeks, there would be a Roaming Vaccination Unit (RVU), but there was no scheduled visit to Ashby.
- Aleaflet campaign was to be launched re Pathways. Pathways now 5 years old.
- Circle of Friends was noted, AB to meet with them shortly.
- Ashby Doggie Social meeting on 13th September. A group to encourage socialisation - no dog needed!
- Next Wednesday, 20th September, at 1pm at Baptist Church, Renew 139 - cafe.
- The Ukrainian Group had now fulfilled its function and all were now in work.
- Mental Health Forum now running well, offering group Whatsapp. Suggested a Whatsapp group for all PPG members. **MC/TG to follow up**
- Looking at peer support groups for Health Conditions. Following Covid and lockdown, many groups had not restarted. There was a definite group needed for Autism and SEN - could PPG help in this area? **MC/TG to follow up**

MC thanked Andrew for his` presentation.

## 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th July 2023

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

## 4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 5 Report on Fundraising

It was noted that publicity for donations was promoted via CMG.

After discussion, it was agreed to:

- look at possible events in 2024 (incl Sports Fun Day).
- possible involvement with potential support groups
- look in more detail in following up on patients who might want to give donations.
- possible presentation opportunities to business groups.

## 6 Report of the Chair

MC noted the following:

- MC had met the organiser of the Circle of Friends
- On Thursday 5th October, meeting of Network PPG. MC; HM & KW attending.
- Continuing to try and approach 6th Formers at Ashby School to become members.
- Next Locality PPG on 24th October. Problems with last one (29th August) - last minute venue times meant no attendance by CMG PPG.
- Congratulations to CMG on newsletter. Frequency still to be firmed up.
- AGM of the ICB (Integrated Care Board) on 14th September. For information, the ICB was the organisation contracting for services to GPs.
- MC noted that KW had unearthed useful PPG promotional material.

## 7 Report of CMG

JC presented the report for the CMG and highlighted the following:

- Outline of recent staff changes
- Practice changes - revision of medical and non medical roles and supervision structures.
- Explanation of investment in Training and Development of staff. TG noted this was a sign of excellence in their organisation and complimented CMG.
- Review of policies was ongoing.
- Patient surveys offered a fascinating insight and evidence of the performance of CMG - a very positive set of results, reflecting well on CMG.
- Flu and Covid vaccinations. A discussion on these and it was noted that there was a great deal of confusion and alteration of vaccine provision and dates, preventing the CMG being able to drive forward as they wanted. However, there were now 3 dates for flu vaccinations (+ covid if it became practical!). These are: 30/09/23; 07.10.23 & 21.10.23.

TG undertook to canvass the PPG membership for volunteers to provide help and support on these dates.

**TG to action**

***Members are invited to read the slides presented by JC attached to these minutes***

## 8 Any Other Business

Sue Freeman invited to give a presentation at the next meeting.

**TG to action**

## 9 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 7th November, at 11.00am at CMG.