

# Minutes of the Meeting of Castle Medical Group PPG, held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at CMG

**In attendance:** Clive Caulfield; Martin Cooper; Tony Green; Hilary Mercer; Bhiku Mistry; Renee Robinson; Karen Wesson; Jennie Caukwell.

**Also Present:** Emma Shepherd and Vanessa Ford.

## 1 Apologies for absence

Peter Clement; Sue English; Brenda Hall; Hugh Hall; Carol Land; Paddy Miles; Lesley Salter.

## 2 Presentation by Emma Shepherd and Vanessa Ford, Social Prescribing Link workers, Ivanhoe neighbourhood.

Emma and Vanessa introduced themselves and noted the following:

- areas covered include Ashby; Ibstock; Measham & Barlestone.
- waiting list currently 2 - 3 weeks
- there were x7 workers; x1 finance specialist (Sue Freeman) and a senior social prescriber.
- referrals are via GP surgeries - but can be self-referred.
- generally try to encourage people to meet out of their house - often use GP rooms etc.
- work is under NWL GP Federation (funding is via ARRI).
- publicise via community groups; GP surgeries - less by leaflets now
- in future, will be measured by CQC
- social prescribing is across the UK but will differ across localities
- generally, SP support will be for x6 sessions - as a signposting service, the intention is to set clients on the right path for them.

## 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2023

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed Clive Caulfield, Seconded Hilary Mercer.

## 4 Matters Arising

i) Leaflets. HM suggested the development of a leaflet explaining the role of PPG to generate support. JC noted that in the Practise, trying to avoid paper - infection control. Discussed and it was suggested leaflets could be used in Library/museum and some shops. MC suggested some cooperation with SPs.

TG agreed to draft such a leaflet.

**TG**

ii) Keller Construction was with HH.

iii) Speaker at U3A - MC awaiting response to his contact.

iv) TG reported that Sue Freeman had provided him with information on provision for support for carers of children/adults with Autism and SEND. He was following up on this to identify if a group was needed/ could be set up.

**TG**

## 5 Report of the Chair

MC reported as follows:

- MC thanked JC for her note for the Health & Wellbeing section of the Neighbourhood Plan
- Pathways cafe and Katie Johnson were discussed and agreed to invite her to speak at the AGM. TG to invite. **TG**
- information in Ashby life re change to repeat dispensing. JC explained that in some cases, repeat prescription and dispensing could extend to 12 months. This was for patients with stable medications. With new medications, normally required 3 months of before added to 6 or 12 month prescribing.
- MC noted he was attending a Network meeting on 24th January.
- KW reported that an online discussion re GP survey to take place on Monday (15th). This was from the ICB. A number of members were looking at this.
- MC noted the next Federation (PPGs) was to take place on 27th February.

## 6 Report from CMG

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

- Outline of recent staff changes
- year end flu and Covid vaccine take up
- Capacity & Access - much data collected and monitoring being dealt with nationally. It was noted 70% of funding based on patient numbers, but 30% allocated via the Federation based on achievement of targets - across the whole Federation. It was noted therefore that poor performance of one GP Practice could impact on the funding for all. Members noted that seemed an anomalous system.
- a number of projects to go forward across different health issues
- Deprexis project had been discontinued.
- Pharmacy services

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

## 7 Any Other Business

- i) Issue of complaint passed onto CMG as PPG does not deal with complaints. JC reported that there are clear procedures for all acute problems, irrespective of age.
- ii) Re the volume of the system for informing patients of appointments, JC noted this was as high as the system allowed.
- iii) BM reported that the website had been renewed. TG noted that BM funded the website himself.
- iv) CC asked what the purpose of the PPG was. TG undertook to send a copy of the Constitution. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item for the AGM. **TG**

## 8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is the AGM and was scheduled for Tuesday, 26th March 2024, at 11.00am at CMG. TG to action. **TG**

