

Patient Participation Group

Thattham Medical
Practice

Minutes of a meeting of the PPG held on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at Thattham Medical Practice commencing at 7pm and concluded at 7.35pm.

Present	David Weller (Chairman), Caroline Dyer (Practice Manager), Jackie Wood (Minute Secretary), Helen Easson (Vice Chairman), , Hilary Weller, Simon Hollingbery, Judith Denny, Jonathan Wilding, Jenny Marnock, Sophie Spicer, Elizabeth Hunt, Dr Foulkes
Apologies	Chris Paice, , Gordon Easson , Emma Batten, Dr Rob Tayton, Rosalind Lewis
Next Meeting	Tuesday 23 rd January 2024 at 7pm

Item No		Action
1	Welcome	
	The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and extended a warm welcome to everyone.	
2	Minutes of the last Meeting	
	The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023, having been circulated, was signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
3	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	Since the last meeting where we received a presentation from Karen Reeve, the asylum seekers residing at the regency Hotel have been given notice to leave within the next month. There is an appeal for suitcases at the moment and it is hoped that alternative accommodation will be found for residents.	
4	Presentation – Sophie Spicer Community Activator for West Berkshire.	
	Sophie gave a very informative talk about the work of Sport in Mind and the adult/youth sessions they offer to the local area and also their Community Activator one -to-one service. David thanked Sophie for her presentation and wished her all the best for the future.	
5	Future Presentations To PPG in 2024	
	Tuesday 23 rd January 2024 Newbury Soup Kitchen – Meryl Praill, Chief Executive Officer and Founder Tuesday 2 nd April 2024 (AGM) Bob Champion, Chairman – Thattham Support and Welfare Society (formally Thattham Nursing Society). Sarah Webster, Executive Director for BOB has been contacted about giving a presentation at the AGM. David will also be contacting Newbury Community Larder and 8 Bell. Simon suggested contacting Priors Court to talk about the services they provide.	

6	Pharmacies in Thatcham	
	Caroline reported that Boots will be closing in February 2024, Halo have been in contact and are keen to accommodate patients. Patients will need to inform the surgery of their new pharmacy choice.	
7	Fundraising Account Update	
	The Fundraising Account has a balance of £5,611.58	
8	Treasurers Report (Current Account)	
	The balance in the Current Account is £64	
9	Purchase of Equipment.	
	PPG have received a request two Dermatoscopes at a cost of £1025 from the surgery. This was agreed by the committee.	
10	Practice Report and Coronavirus/Flu Vaccination Update 28th November 2023	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rudgley is doing well. Interviews are underway for his replacement. I have had requests from patients to start a collection. Unfortunately, as a surgery this isn't appropriate for us to do, but it is something the PPG could consider. • We are putting a book on the reception desk for patients to sign/comment on. We thought this would be a nice gift for his retirement. • Building work is due to start on 15th January. It will be comprised of 2 new consulting rooms and an office with a downstairs meeting room instead of admin- who will move upstairs. • New telephone system is up and running – generally the feedback is positive, it will be tweaked as we use it and get feedback from patients. Its still early days. • Boots is due to close – beginning of February, there are 2 new and so far, good independent pharmacies opening in Thatcham, Thatcham pharmacy at Burdwood shops and Halo at Crown Mead. Boots will do their own communications regarding this and we will work closely with Boots and the new chemist to ensure the transition is smooth for our more vulnerable patients. • New staff – Paul Cowmeadow – paramedic. Claire Pederson – pharmacist. 	
11	External Meetings Reports	
	<p><i>West Berkshire Community Hospital Patient Panel –</i></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting held Thursday 14th September 2023 have been circulated together with the notes from the focus meeting on Thursday 29th June 2023</p> <p><i>West Berkshire Community Hospital – Mr Rob Tayton</i></p> <p>Rob reported that the WBCH MRI project continues and they are still with the solicitors trying to reach agreement. Mammography and DEXA-scanner are still being discussed .</p>	

12	Any Other Business	
	None	
13	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>The next PPG meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 commencing at 7pm.</p> <p>In thanking everyone for their attendance and contributions made, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35pm.</p>	
	<p>SignedDate.....</p> <p>Chairman</p>	