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| Minutes |
| **Almondsbury PPG Spring Meeting** |
| **3 April 2025 18:00** |
| **Attendees** |
| Nina Tilton (Chair), Christine Thomas (secretary), Paula Miles, Zain Harper, Dr Jenny Lockey, Deb Davies, Joan Davies, Mike Farmer, Sue Hewson, Pat Hinton, Fiona Phipps, David Rayfield, Pat Rayfield, Leona Roberts, Richard Spence, Paula Vicary, Ed Vicary, Alison White |
| **Apologies** |
| Dr David Atherton, Dave Talbot, Helen Sanday, Maria McNally and John Adams |
| **Membership** Joan Davies advised the PPG that she has decided to step down from the PPG having been a founding member. The group thanked Joan for her invaluable contribution in making the group the success that it is. |
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| **Approval of minutes** |
| The minutes of the Winter meeting were approved. |
| **Action Plan** |
| The Action Plan was reviewed and updated. |
| **Practice Update** |
| We have a new staff member, Dr Luke van Twest for 8 weeks. Dr van Twest has been employed by Severnvale PCN and will rotate across the 5 surgeries. We have new nursing staff, Ruth Rice (Nurse Practioner, Pilning), Kerry Morrison, Enhanced Practice Nurse working across both sites and Rhian Green, Nurse Associate, working across both sites. As well as general nursing, Rhian will be training to offerSpirometry (lung function tests) for Severnvale PCN, to reduce secondary care referrals. We are hoping to create a respiratory hub.  Arlington Grove care home in Oaklands has approached the surgery to provide GP care and a weekly ward round. (Funding gets provided).  The website is being reviewed by Zain Harper and Kelly Cole at Hanham. We hope to be in a position to share a draft this month.  The merge of clinical systems between Pilning and Almondsbury is happening – it’s hoped that this will be completed by the end of June. We hope this will increase continuity, offering the opportunity for patients to be seen at the site of their choice.  COVID Spring boosters are underway; eligibility includes 75yr+, older person care homes and immunosuppressed patients. |
| **Hannam Health update** |
| Documents for the Care Quality Commission are being reviewed. A significant piece of work is being done on the analysis of quality and demand. There is a possibility that taking Pilning on could trigger a CQC inspection. They are likely to want to talk to the PPG when the inspection happens.  An HR committee has been set up. |
| **Change NHS update** |
| Nina gave a brief update in her email with the agenda. The latest questionnaire requires individual responses – it was requested that people complete the survey.  We will keep an eye on the website – and Nina will try to give updates at forthcoming meetings. |
| **Proposed service improvements in primary and secondary care** |
| A contract uplift has been agreed, but the National Insurance increase will use all the uplift. Collective action has now ceased as a result of the contract uplift being received. The hope is that the contract uplift will be properly reviewed in the term of this parliament.  In terms of the dissolution of NHS England, it’s hard to predict how this will impact on the practice and funding.  The 10 year plan is still awaited.  There have been some good changes – there is a system called advice and guidance, which reduces referrals to secondary care. This allows GPs to get direct contact with specialists – there is some funding to provide the follow-on care. |
| **A.O.B.** |
| The wait time for regular appointments from the surgery seems to have gone up – it was 2-3 weeks, but it’s now 4 weeks (Hanham is at about 6 weeks). This will be looked at in the piece of work being done on capacity (a locum has been used to try to reduce this). Hopefully the wait time will come down over time. (Clinical risk is assessed as part of the triaging process). |
| **Future Meetings** |
| 2025 meetings: Summer Monday 7.7.25Autumn Tuesday 21.10.25 |

**The meeting closed at 7 pm**