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| Minutes |
| **Almondsbury PPG Winter Meeting** |
| **15 January 2025 18:00** |
| **Attendees** |
| Nina Tilton (Chair), Christine Thomas (secretary), Paula Miles, Zain Harper, John Adams, Deb Davies, Joan Davies, Mike Farmer, Sue Hewson, Maria McNally, David Rayfield, Pat Rayfield, Helen Sanday, Richard Spence, Dave Talbot, Paula Vicary, Alison White |
| **Apologies** |
| Dr Jenny Lockey, Dr David Atherton, Pat Hinton, Fiona Phipps, Leona Roberts, Ed Vicary |
| **PPG Secretary – resignation of Alison White and appointment of Christine Thomas** |
| Thanks were given to Alison and her resignation from the role of secretary was accepted. Christine’s appointment as secretary was agreed.  Nina stated that the roles of chair and deputy chair need to be reviewed – the plan is to do that over the next few meetings (probably once the relationship with the Pilning PPG has been determined) |
| **Approval of minutes** |
| The minutes of the Autumn meeting were approved. |
| **Action Plan** |
| The Action Plan was reviewed and updated.  As part of the discussion, it was agreed that Paula would discuss a potential merger with the Pilning PPG. |
| **Introduction and plans of Zain Harper as executive officer for Hanham Health** |
| Zain was appointed as the executive manager for Hannam Health in October. He has had extensive experience across the aviation industry, the University of Manchester and the NHS.  His first priority is to put in place a new governance structure to be more responsive. It’s split into 3 directorates: corporate services, quality & governance and direct delivery. This will allow faster decision making. It’s settling in nicely. A staff bulletin is produced regularly. This bulletin can be shared with the PPG.  As part of the patient engagement, there is a potential for a larger role for the PPG. Zain would like to meet with the chairs of the PPGs to discuss some ideas about how to get commonalities and still keep local specifics.  A suggestion was made that the funding for the practice was the subject of the first talk to the patient community. |
| **Practice Update** |
| Positive feedback from Pilning is starting to be received.    There are ongoing recruitment needs which are being discussed in the partnership.  Anima will be introduced in Pilning – it is still being determined whether the triaging team will be localised or centralised across Hanham.  Website: a new website is being created. Paula & Zain to share the link for the first draft when it’s available (sometime in February).  Acute respiratory illnesses: posters have been put up  Acute respiratory illness: NHS England have asked Hanham Health to create additional Acute respiratory illness slots.  Staff news: Dr Kundra is off sick, so there may be more locums  Health & Safety: The paths are being gritted during the severe weather. Outside lighting is an ongoing problem. There have been some temporary fixes put in place.  Warm packs: Almondsbury have had a delivery of warm packs from Age UK (there’s one pack left). They are also available at the Onestop shop in Patchway.  Vaccinations: There are still some flu vaccinations available. |
| **BMA work to rule – review from practice and patient perspective** |
| It hasn’t made much difference to Almondsbury – the practice was already working at the level proposed. The practice has started pushing back a bit on private prescriptions. Members didn’t report any adverse patient feedback.  The practices are still waiting for the contract negotiations – no clear view of what the funding will be. |
| **Service improvements in primary and secondary care** |
| Discussion points: We know the government is trying to reduce the waiting times – how do the doctors/practice think it will affect the waiting times – and what impact will it have on the workload for the GPs? (To go on the agenda for next time)  Successive Governments have been saying they will improve the NHS – what impact will we expect to see? An update on the subject in our meetings would be useful so that we can see what’s happening. Consider putting it as a regular agenda slot.  The next PPG session should have a significant part of the agenda devoted to the funding of the practice.  Zain has offered to see what data is available through the ICB. |
| **A.O.B.** |
| Alison proposed thanks for Nina for the collation of our input to the NHS consultation. |
| **Future Meetings** |
| 2025 meetings: Spring Thursday 3.4.25Summer Monday 7.7.25Autumn Tuesday 21.10.25 |

**The meeting closed at 7:30pm**