PPG Meeting Wednesday 9 March 2022

Present: Dr James Ogle Apologies: Jackie Oakley

Jenny Dowling Lynda Jones
Joan Hawkins Sue Rudland

Mandy Coley Mary Harrison Sheila Adcock

JO	New Surgery: James reported that the final document had been sent to NHS England for signing off. The construction company were due to start at the beginning of April with a 48 week projected build time. After approximately 6 years we are finally getting to the starting point.	
JH	Joan would put an article in the 'Local' informing patients that the build was about to start. Joan would also write an article regarding the practice Pharmacists Deepa & Rachel and the role they have at the practice.	
JD	Asked James for an update on the CCG. James reported that the 3 CCG's had now amalgamated into one CCG which may become a ISB (Integrated System Board) although the name may change.	
JO	Updated everyone regarding the latest news of GP surgeries being open for longer hours + week-ends. This would be achieved by the practices working together within our PCN (Primary Care Network) with patients having access to a surgery within the PCN. We are still working extended hours with telephone consultations being made after 6.30pm where patients are at work during the day.	
JO	Reported that the GP contracts had not been finalised with the BMA and the Government they are due to start on 1 April.	
JH	Asked if the long message at the beginning of the phone calls could be reduced in length. SA will as Dr Reema to review this.	SA
JO	Staff Update: We have 2 new receptionists starting one in March and the other in April. We are also advertising for additional Practice Nurse hours.	
JO	We now have a Mental Health Nurse attached to the practice who will see patients via referral from the doctors. We have a palliative care/housebound patients nurse also newly attached to the practice.	
JH	Joan gave the meeting details of a befriending group that she is helping to set up in Ratby, this will be a telephone calling service for housebound/lonely residents of all ages in Ratby. It became obvious during Covid Lockdown the need for this service within the village.	
	Next Meeting postponed from May to Wednesday 8 June 2022 due to holidays	