**Musters PPG meeting**

**3rd December 2020 6-7.15pm via Microsoft Teams**

**Attendees**

Paul Midgley, Christine Jones, Mike Prior, Wanda Martin, Tom Wedgewood, Tammie Daly

**Apologies**: Helen Neville, Petra Westlake, Barbara Worts, Janet Coleman

**Practice Update – CJ**

Libby Smithretired last Monday (30th November). Hayleigh Peachey has taken over as a partner. Maneeka Ubhi has joined the practice as a new salaried GP. Libby still local so will try to put on a proper informal leaving ‘do’ in spring if conditions allow.

Question about John Prestage continuing as the GP lead for the PPG as he hasn’t been able to attend any of the on-line meetings due to being the Thurs evening doctor. CJ said perhaps as HP but has young children so may not be so keen. JP should be able to attend for 7.30-8pm when meetings resume in the practice.

COVID impact – Laura Turnbull tested positive and is currently off work. All who’ve been in contact with her have been tested but no-one else is positive. CJ reported that testing was uneventful and rapid when her and the staff went to County Hall testing centre, turned around din 10 minutes and results can back within 12 hours.

CASTLE have had a number of reception staff contract COVID and are having to regularly test staff now but have remained open. Using the rapid diagnostic tests on-site.

**Notts NHS App**

Several PPG members said they had struggled to download the app and get it working. If you already have online access to your records in order to link the app to the existing MMP record you need to be able to remember your original password! Many people can’t.

The Patients Know Best element of the app hasn’t been enabled by the practice (as is the case for a number of Rushcliffe practices). CJ said the functionality is better suited to hospital records vs GP records and PKB are looking into improving the functionality. ACTION: PM to look into this as now a member of the Connected Notts Patient Advisory Group.

**Focus Topic - Vaccinations**

* Flu
* COVID-19

Flu – going well. Many more people are attending this year than last amongst the high risk groups. The lines on the floor are working well as are the booked appointments. Safety has been handled well.

50-64s will be vaccine next Saturday (12th) en masse with catchups by appt. Hoping to jab 1000 people in this cohort.

COVID – at some point the practice will get involved but it won’t be with the Pfizer vaccine initially. Probably the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine as this is easier to handle and can be kept refridgerated. This is due for approval around new year. Initial plans seen to be that Pfizer vaccine will be used to vaccinate in key mass vaccination centres that can cope with the very low storage temperatures required. QMC has some and will start jabbing staff and elderly patients wc 6th December. Rushcliffe will have its won vaccination centre, venue tbc probably known next week. Likely NHS staff, care home workers and carers of the extremely elderly/vulnerable will be first in queue at Rushcliffe mass vaccination centre. Once the stable vaccine is available the housebound and carehome resident vulnerable will be top of the list.

Process – people will be invited by letter to make an appointment. Two doses required 3 weeks apart so likely both appointments made simultaneously. Answer a range of questions to verify your identity/that you don’t have COVID at that point. Receive the vaccination. Wait 10 minutes to ensure no adverse reaction. Come back again for second dose in 3 weeks by appointment.

**Tomorrow’s NUH consultation**

Qs included: Is any of the money coming to General Practice? MP had heard from Cancer lead @ NUH that plans are afoot to streamline and co-locate cancer services into one place. Parts of the City Hospital Campus are in bad repair so these will be a priority for investment. Potential to build an extra tier on top of QMC mooted. Single site idea is proposed in the consultation for various services. See consultation here (end 15th December) [www.nottsccg.nhs.uk/RHSN](http://www.nottsccg.nhs.uk/RHSN)



OTHER BUSINESS:

PPG asked if either Linda or John Burnett had been seen recently. JB usually very active on social media around the diabetes support group but been no comms for a while. CJ to ask if reception have seen him.

Tom asked if patients can do anything to help with the vaccination campaigns? A: yes if you’re not in a vulnerable category, training available for volunteers who wish to give the COVID vaccine. Drs, nurses and HCAs from MMP are volunteering to do shifts administering the vaccine on their days off.

NEXT MEETING:

4th February 2021 6-7pm on Teams. Invitation already sent out.

WISHING A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND AHPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PPG MEMBERS!!!

May 2021 see a return to face to face meetings, cake and biscuits……