

**Kiveton Park Medical Practice  
Patient Participation Group  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Attending:** Keith Emsden, Alicia Higgins, Marsha Raynes, Christian Morris, Katrina Fletcher, Tony owgill, Caroline Ogden, Sister Lyca Downing, Asha Ahmed

**Apologies:** Sandra Williams, Jean Hirst, Barry Winterbottom, Judith

**1. Welcome and Apologies:**

Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes and Approval**

The minutes from the May 2022 were approved.

**3. Chairperson**

Website has been updated and it looks good. The PCN website is also in the process of being made.

Cancelled appointments in the surgery can be 5+ a day. The group considered a poster to visualise how people missing their appointments can have an effect on the surgery e.g. the time wasted by missed appointments.

**4. Vice Chair/ Secretary**

Apologies for the last meeting from both Christian and Alicia.

Village hall notice board to be updated by Christian and possibly the parish council board to include information about the PPG.

**5. News from the Surgery**

Health checks for people over 40 (healthy people) are starting again in August. These checks will include a prevention scheme, general health checks and lifestyle changes.

There is also £200 in the PPG funds if the surgery needs any more equipment to let the group know.

**6. Tony and Asha – PCN/ Social Prescribing**

Asha is a link worker at Thurcroft. Asha has explained to the group what a social prescriber is and what they can offer to patients that will differ to other staff at the surgery. Patients can be referred from the GP if they have things that affect health that medicine cannot fix. Social prescribers have longer appointments compared with GP so have more of an opportunity for the Patient to explain their symptoms and problems they are having. Social prescribers are more of a support to the patient rather than a fixer of the problem. Social prescribers have links with the local community and can point patients in the best direction for support.

Ambulance staff can also refer patients to social prescribers by contacting the patients GP surgery and asking for a referral.

One idea Asha has started is the allotment project at the local colliery offices. Asha asked for volunteers and this is an example of green prescribing. The allotment project is going to be advertised at the local walking group and at the local parish council – as there are many

people awaiting allotments in the local area. The group also suggested contacting local vicar Gary to help spread the word to gain volunteers to help out with the project. Volunteers with knowledge to help advise others.

The issue about local youth vandalism was mentioned but the group believe that due to there being people at the colliery offices all the time that this wouldn't be an issue also the allotments were never vandalised before.

#### **7. Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The meeting closed at 7pm. The next meeting the guest speaker will be Helen Wyatt.