

Victoria Medical Centre

Eastbourne

Notes of the Zoom catch up meeting held at 1pm on 4th February 2021

Attending from the VPPG

Janet French

Tony Meier

Sue Cook

Keith Stone

Mike Joly

Spencer Freeman

Vanessa Taylor

Attending from the Practice

Nigel Grinstead

Mark Gaffney

Julie Brooker

Zoom instigated by Sian Sanwell

The meeting was scheduled for 40 minutes and during that time Mark gave the following update:

The Clinic was still on schedule to open some time in June 2021 – the only issue related to that date was that the Project Manager had tested positive for Covid and Mark wasn't aware of any possible impact that might have.

There was the possibility that the VPPG would be invited for a tour of the building.

A Media student had been recruited to help show the advancements in the Site as real time on the new website. It was hoped that this would be up and running in the next two weeks.

A new Director of Nursing – Berni Lipscombe - had been appointed.

A Contract had been agreed with 'Pure Physio' and that facility is now available. This will not require a referral from a GP – an assessment will be made at the time the patient contacts the surgery and the Admin team will be able to make an appointment for anyone with a musculoskeletal problem.

Several new staff had joined the Practice in a temporary capacity to assist with the Vaccine programme and also internal admin. Permanent roles are also in the process of being recruited. Staff rotas are being managed using the software Rota Master

It had already been reported that the initial cost for the fitting of the Clinic had proved too expensive and they were now going through the process of new quotes. Nigel confirmed that Patient input had been taken in to account when re-visiting the quotes and that if Sharon had received the FOH Paper then those thoughts would have been included. Janet confirmed that the Paper had gone to Sharon - Nigel asked for a copy of the Paper and confirmed that Sharon Moss was working on the new quotes for the internal furnishings.

Mark confirmed the understanding at the moment that second vaccines would be given at 12 weeks, as recommended by the Government. No comment could be made as to whether it would be the same vaccine as tests were being carried out as to the efficacy of 'mix and match'

There had been a low uptake of the flu vaccine from the over 50's but this could partly be as a result of less flu over this winter.

Vanessa confirmed she would be attending the Healthwatch meetings and was asked to circulate anything of particular interest. Vanessa was also asked to arrange a meeting between Healthwatch and Nigel.

Janet concluded the meeting by saying that she would:

- Make notes of the points covered during the meeting,
- Check those were correct with a member of the Practice
- Confirm which points could safely be in the public domain
- Circulate the full notes to the VPPG
- Arrange the edited notes to be on the website – possibly asking for a prompt to be sent to patients.
- It was agreed that things were moving too quickly for a Newsletter publication at the present time.