

## Patients Participation Group Meeting

### Minutes of Meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe Monday

21/08/23

**Chairperson:** Philippa Jones

**Minutes:** Michael Wright

**Present:** Mr. R & Mrs. V. Adams, Mr. G. Bedford, Mrs. D. Canham, Mr. J Chaplin, Mr. & Mrs. P. Gardener, Mrs. G. Holloway, Mrs. W. Hookey, Mrs. J. Howden, Mrs. R. LeViscount, Mr C Looker, Mrs. M. Mckenna, Mrs. D. Neilson, Mrs. J. Rubie, Mr. & Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. J. Siensi, Mr. & Mrs. C. Stafford, Mrs. V. Vertue, Mrs. E. Wood

**Woodchurch Surgery:**, Mrs Helen Fox

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Mark Colley (Clinical Lead, PCIT)

**Apologies:** Mr. & Mrs. T. Perks, Mrs. B. Hanks, Mrs P Savage

#### **Chair's Welcome:**

Philippa welcomed everyone and outlined the Agenda for the meeting. Philippa gave a short appreciation of the contribution made to the formation and growth of the PPG by Charles Vertue who sadly passed away in June 2023.

#### **Minutes of Last meeting (27/02/2023):**

Accepted

#### **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

#### **Parkinson's Centre for Integrated Therapy**

Our guest Speaker Mark gave a very interesting, informative and entertaining talk on the recent formation of the new Centre which is located in Canterbury in partnership with the MS centre. The driving force is to provide a facility where all the non-drug therapies (ie Speech, Physio, Occupational) for Parkinson's are available under one roof. The centre is privately run and at the moment has funding until Oct. 24. Prospective patients are able to self-refer to the centre and an initial 90 minute Clinical Review will cost £35, this would be followed up with a recommended plan of action. They are currently treating around 200 of the potential 4000 people in East Kent who suffer with the disease. It is estimated that 1 in every 37 people in the UK will contract the condition. They participate in the full range of treatments and an extensive social group has developed. The aim of the centre is to become a "Centre of Neurological Excellence" and to add treatment for Stroke affected patients as well. The centre can be contacted via the website; [www.kent.ac.uk/parkinsons](http://www.kent.ac.uk/parkinsons) or 01227 470876 or email: [parkinsons@kent.ac.uk](mailto:parkinsons@kent.ac.uk)

After questions from the group Mark explained that the condition affects everybody in different ways and at different levels.

**Woodchurch Surgery update from Mrs. Helen Fox:**

Helen updated the group on the addition of registrar Dr Parisa Tarannum on placement at the surgery until November. And reminded everyone that the walk in FLU clinics will be on 16<sup>th</sup>. Sep & 7<sup>th</sup>. Oct. between 8 and 1. Discussions on the next round of Covid jabs are still in progress.

**AOB**

None

**Next meeting:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. Nov. 2023 – speaker will be Huw Pinney

Thanks to Liz Wood and Jean Gardener of the “Heavenly Helpers” for providing refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 7:05pm