Chairs report to Moorland Medical Patient Participant Group 5th July 2022

The last year has been a challenge to us all, the ongoing pandemic, restrictions to our everyday lives and the uncertainty of risking going out as government restrictions diminished.

I thank you all for keeping in touch some of you joined our monthly teams meetings, others messaging via email or other remote methods. Our face to face meetings resumed on 5th October 2021 at St Luke’s Church community room and have been held monthly since then.

During the past year many members supported the Covid clinics locally, others committed to a variety of teams meetings with various NHS groups to keep us informed re the new structures of the Integrated Care System which comes into operation 1st July2022

We have been fortunate to have a number of speakers at our meetings covering a wide range of issues, several have been newly appointed staff from our Leek and Biddulph Primary Care Network outlining the new treatments available within the 5 practices. Staffordshire Moorlands Voluntary Transport, James Parton from Moorland Medical and Veronica re the Mental Health Transformation Project.

Our display sub group eventually completed a new waiting room display “Screening” a thank you to Dr Edge and Rachel for their assistance, Kathy for her preparation of the wording supplied both in person and remotely for printing and Val and I completed the team laminating and cutting.

Bas has done a sterling job throughout, the year it has been really hard for both of us to keep up our enthusiasm and momentum rarely meeting face to face between the monthly meetings. A big thank you from me.

Sadly Roy lost his fight with Parkinson Disease, Covid being the last straw. He was one of the PPG founder members and will be greatly missed. Dorothy left us due to decline in her health and Jim popped in to the last meeting with his apologies he is feeling his age! Don’t believe he’s 94.

A big thanks to Rachel for support through” teams “and providing information whilst staff were confined to the practice.

I continue to chair the Locality Group meeting this will possibly continue remotely to minimise practice staff travel. I also attend the Primary Care Network Board Meetings. The partners signed all the documents for the Limited company.

On a positive note we have recruited new members during the year welcome to you all.

Today’s meeting is the start of a new year, we will be introducing the draft patient’s survey for you to discuss. Support Staffordshire have asked us to share our activities lists with them so looking for volunteers to update/refresh the last one.

We need to run a recruitment activity, perhaps a few activities in the waiting room to tempt people the PPG leaflet also needs updating.

I thank everyone for your support and contributions, during the last year.

Regards

Lesley

 PPG is important to us all