



Patient Participation Group of Drs Adey & Dancy

MINUTES OF MEETING Tarpорley Health Centre 9th April 2025

Present

Paul Varey, Nicola Bird, Geoff Johnson, Nigel Briers, Monica Haworth, Margaret Clare, Julie Plumb, Ian Hunt, Anthony Jenner, Marian Jones

Apologies

Annie Robinson, Cathy Bonner, Jayne Rowley, Maire Gibson, Sue Masterman

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were accepted and there were no matters arising.

Practice News

- Dr Rachel Callely, who has been a salaried GP for Drs Adey and Dancy, has become a partner in the Practice as from 1st April.
- Marilyn from the Reception team, has now left and Laura has been appointed in her place.
- There are recycling bins for empty tablet blister packs in the Practice waiting room and at Rowlands Pharmacy.

PCN News

Dr Christine Snowden is going to take over from Dr Alistair Adey as PCN Director.

Rural Together

Paul is currently co-chair of the partnership and reported as follows:

- Funding at the same rate has been confirmed for this initiative for another 12 months and a “community lead” person has now been appointed.
- Two “Healthy Heart” programmes have been commissioned by the partnership. They will be run by Healthbox, who will be working with the PCN Manager to identify suitable patients, who will then be invited to take part in the programme.
- If funding permits they are looking to commission a “Strength & Balance” (falls prevention) programme too.
- They have been funded to undertake a “Vaccine Take-up” awareness programme, trying to reach those who are underrepresented with vaccine take up.

- There will be two further Roadshows taking place: Tattenhall on 14th May and Tarporley at a date to be decided. These are currently being planned. Any requests for stands at these events should be notified to Adele Rylance (adele@ruraltogether.org.uk).
- The Transport Survey has now been completed with over 2000 responses. A meeting has been held with one of the CWAC Community Transport Commissioners to discuss this issue and with the powerful data from the survey, press the need for increased rural transport availability.
- “Let’s Talk” meetings are coming to our area and will be held at Tarporley Community Centre on 3rd Friday of each month between 1-3pm, as well as in other areas around our partnership. They are part of a health and wellbeing initiative providing links to community activities, advice on managing daily living, reducing social isolation and carer support. It was suggested that this could be publicised with leaflets made available and posters displayed in the surgery waiting room and other public areas.

Issues of Concern

- All members agreed once again, that we are extremely fortunate in belonging to such a good, efficient Practice.
- Users of the NHS App are reporting positive experiences. Nicola is still hoping to organise some NHS App training for Practice staff in the first instance and eventually for patients.

Bank Accounts

- The PPG now has its bank account open and functioning following a request to do so by Dr Adey. The purpose and use of the PPG account will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
- Funding for the Art Therapy sessions (which are extremely successful) was discussed and the idea of inviting local artists to display their work on waiting room walls for a fee and commission on sales was raised. This will be considered by the Practice in due course.
- Praise was given for the standard of artwork that has already been produced in the therapy sessions and which is on display in the waiting room.

Friends and Family

No breakdown of the survey for this latest period was available because of a glitch in the system that prevented Jim from accessing the data. Nicola will investigate the matter.

Noticeboard

- Jayne has requested suggestions for future topics for display. Pain Management, and Carer Support were ideas put forward. Any other proposals should be sent to either Jayne or Marian.
- The NHS has published a calendar of Health Campaigns for the year: <https://www.nhsemployers.org/events/calendar-national-campaigns> which could provide some useful guidance.
- One of the difficulties has been in obtaining sufficient materials from campaign groups, to create an eye-catching display. Plenty of posters/leaflets are available on the internet, but they need A3 printing/laminating. Geoff and Paul have both kindly offered some support with this.

Web Pages

The current structure is out of date and needs standardising. Cathy and Paul are already working on this. Anthony has also offered to give his support.

AOB

- Following the new Practice Partnership structure, a new name will need to be given to the Practice and this is currently under discussion.
- It would be very helpful if at each PPG meeting, a different member of the Practice staff could give a brief presentation about their role and responsibilities and if there are any ways in which the PPG can provide support. Nicola will put this suggestion to the Practice Team.

Next Meeting

4pm on 16th July 2025 at Tarporley Health Centre.