

Summary Notes of Meeting of Newbury Street Patient Group Thursday 12 October 2023 -

Present: Lisa Auchinvole, Helen Carter, Sandie Helm, Andrew Lewcock, Julie Mabberley, Janet Parker, Tom Thacker, Lyn Davis, Dr Carrie Ladd (Practice), Becky Collins (Observing)

Apologies: Bernard Connolly, Rosemary Stickland, Robin Somers (Practice Manager), Sandra O'Donnell (Practice)

1. Welcome New Member/Minutes of Previous meeting.

- a. The meeting was held in the evening to allow Lisa Auchinvole and Becky Collins to attend.
- b. Julie welcomed Becky Collins to the Committee.

2. Monthly update from the Practice

a. Staffing

- i. Dr Philip Young joined the Practice last month, and seems popular with staff and patients. The Practice has had good feedback.
- ii. A new Clinician, Gareth Saunders will be joining, giving support for minor illness.
- iii. There is also a new Patient Coordinator Shelly.
- iv. Dr Ewart is back from Maternity Leave next week.

b. Appointments

- i. The Surgery are offering Saturday Clinics for Flu vaccinations. Covid Vaccinations are being done for the 3 Cohorts: Care homes, Housebound and the Immuno-suppressed.
- ii. The Practice will get details of vaccinations out by text and emails.
- iii. Cleggs in Wantage are offering the Covid and flu vaccines.
- iv. The Practice holds Wednesday Clinics for Smear Tests.

c. Building Extension.

- i. The Practice now has the keys to the building, and they are now waiting for the furniture to arrive and IT facilities to be put set up. Patient Coordinators, Admin Team and Prescription Pharmacy team will be set up first.
- ii. The temporary Waiting Room will become consulting rooms in the Gable Wing (a charity affiliated to the Practice) has funded some new equipment to be used there.
- iii. Sick Notes forms can be found on the Website.

3. Future Talks

- a. Some topics for future talks:
 - i. Self-Referral, Pharmacies, Prescriptions, Minor injuries (combined talk) -
 - ii. The 'Healthier Together' App.
 - iii. It was suggested we ask parents what they would like the Practice to talk about.
 - iv. NHS Apps (registrations to 30 million people in 2023).

4. Wantage Community Hospital/HOSC

- a. Oxford Health Trust have a study group with HOSC to review what will go into the Hospital.
- b. Public Meetings are run by the Oxford Health Trust during October on what services should be available at the Wantage Hospital. Maternity will remain unchanged.
- c. They will make recommendations to HOSC, followed by a Consultation process.

5. Communications.

a. Joint Newsletter: All future Newsletters will be jointly with Church Street, published quarterly. We will contact a different printing company, to try and reduce the cost. Action JM