

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

Committee Meeting via Zoom 2pm 24 November 2021

MINUTES

1.	Steve Gilson (Chair), Christopher Welton, Carolin Tidbury, Janet Aves, Rowena Pilsworth, (Practice Business Partner), Jenny Langdon Apologies: Ali McCarthy
2.	Matters Arising: Use of Funds: We have paid £600 towards the cost of the new ECG machine. Steve to check Red Bucket for any donations.
3.	Practice Update: Covid Vaccine Boosters: These have been completed for patients at the Nursing and Care Homes. Those for the housebound are underway with help from Pharmacy 2 U. The Pod: With a grant from the Federation the Practice is going to purchase a Pod machine to be sited in a cubicle where the playhouse currently stands. This machine will enable patients to weigh, check blood pressure and enter urine sample results which will all be downloaded onto System 1 so the GP can note issues and make best use of the appointment time. Patients find home monitoring of BP difficult. Retirement Village Planning Appeal: The Practice has submitted objections to the inquiry, which will be held in January. Facts and figures from other practices have been used to back up the objections along with opinions sent to the PPG. The Practice is meeting with the Parish Council and East Cambs District Council. Staff: Barbara Emerson is retiring soon and Julie (Reception) will cover her duties. Rose is joining the reception team. Ear Syringing: This will be available between 10am and 1pm. Medication Reviews: Experienced pharmacist Raoul will conduct medication reviews 2 days a week, anything complex can be reviewed by GP. Flu Jabs for under 65s: Still some vaccine available.
5.	Treasurer's Report: There is a credit balance of £73.09.
6.	Publicity, Website and Communication: To thank those who supported the Practice in their appeal. To wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Also see item 7.
7.	Any Other Business: Both Janet and Carolin said it would be helpful to see more members on the committee. Suggestions to put an advert in the usual places, magazines etc. and possibly a note on the prescription forms. Steve and Rowena will deal with the latter along with Amanda from Dispensary. Contrary to the adverse reports and complaints about face to face appointments – there as many done here now as were pre pandemic, alongside the phone consultations. Social Prescriber: Ali is wishing to widen publicity about her role – suggestions were Wilbraham Farmers Market, Lode coffee mornings and Bottisham Meeting Point..
8.	Next meeting: via Zoom – 2pm Wednesday 26 January 2022.