

PPG Minutes – Virtual meeting 10th December 2020

Charnwood Community Medical Group – Dr Hanlon and Partners Patient Participation Group (PPG)

1) **Chairman's welcome - Mick**

Welcome to our final meeting of the year.

The dates for next year's meetings have been circulated and members will notice that there are more guest speakers than normal, especially in the early part of the year. The Management team met (virtually) and tried to capture as many of your ideas suggested at the November meeting as possible. All of our invitations have been confirmed apart from the Health and Social Care speaker for October. John is on to this.

News – Mick received an email today from Alison, who with a heavy heart has resigned from the group as her job has grown, and she has taken on more responsibility, giving her insufficient hours in the day to do justice to everyone. We wish her all the best, and congratulate her on her promotion.

A special welcome to tonight's guest speaker, Helen, who is going to tell us about U3A.

2) **Those present.**

Mick Gregory (Chairman), Roger Harris (Vice Chairman), Carole Jefferson (Secretary) Anne Lockley, Bhasker Khatri, David Meredith, Elizabeth Sharpe, Helen Davison, Ian Farnfield, John Kershaw, Ursula Mullin, Paul Hanlon (Charnwood Community Medical Group Business Manager) Great to see Elizabeth, who has succeeded in forcing the technology into cooperating!

3) **Apologies received**

Peter Lewis

4) **Approval Of Minutes and matters arising**

a. The minutes of November 12th 2020 were approved.

b. Next Year's Dates have been circulated. Our first speaker will be Gary Farnfield, responsible for fundraising for Rainbows (Ian's son). We will be meeting virtually for the foreseeable future.

5) **Practice news**

a. It's really busy, national demand is very high. Several members commented on how well they have found accessing the surgery and how helpful all surgery staff have been, clinical and non-clinical. We recognize what a challenging time this is for general practice

b. Flu vaccinations are now being offered to 50 – 64 yrs. olds. By the end of Saturday 3000 vaccinations will have been carried out. This is 25% of our list, a new record.

c. Opening hours will be changed over the Christmas and New Year period. Details are on the website along with information about how to get help when the surgery is closed.

d. The Staff Social will not take place and has been deferred until June.

e. Covid vaccinations

- i. The situation is very fluid and details of arrangements for vaccination change frequently. Involves a lot of planning and replanning
- ii. At the time of this meeting, Southfields Council Offices are planned to be the vaccination hub, being staffed by the Charnwood PCNs. The premises offer space for doing the vaccinations and somewhere to rest during an observation periods (15 minutes).
- iii. The first priority is for 80+. Start date as yet unknown.
- iv. The Pfizer vaccine (only one available at the moment) requires two doses at least three weeks apart and is fragile. Therefore guidance is required about how to vaccinate in Care Homes and for the housebound.
- v. There *will* be a hospital hub in Leicester (City General announced on the news during this meeting).
- vi. At some stage there may be a National booking system, initially booking will be organized by the Practice.
- vii. The pace of the roll out depends on the availability of vaccine.
- viii. There *may* be a role for volunteers showing people the right way round (PPG?)

ix. Q - Does the Pfizer vaccine contain a small amount of Covid 19? If so, this vaccine will be a risk to certain groups. No it doesn't

x. Q - How long will it take to vaccinate 70million people?

A - A lot depends on the 15 minute observation. With that observation period, vaccination can't go as fast as one of our normal flu clinics. The PCNs are up for it. There is a real desire to get started.

xi. Q - Demand on the Practice. There was a huge drive to get people to go to the right place for help.

A - Currently, just about everyone we see, we *need* to see. If you ring 111, they can book an appointment for you at the UC Centre or LRI ED department.

Thank you Paul for your input...

6) **Visiting Speaker, Helen Davison – One to me Chair and membership secretary of Charnwood U3A.**

a. Helen gave a very insightful talk about the U3A in the Loughborough area and made special mention of how activities can support The Third Age. (attached)

b. Q&As

- i. The Latin group was *supposed* to be for beginners....
- ii. Some new members have joined as a result of bereavement, redundancy or furlough, during the National Pandemic. Such a brave step to take. Lots of people might find U3A a good place to start.
- iii. Website – charnwoodU3A.org.UK
- iv. There are two different groups
 1. Charnwood U3A has a huge variety of activities
 2. Loughborough, U3A – most original members connected to the University. It's worth checking both to see what appeals to you
 3. You can be a member of more than one group
 4. Each U3A has a booklet or similar to show their programmes.

c. Mick thanked Helen on our behalf and there was an enthusiastic albeit silent round of applause!

7) **Dates for next year and Speakers**

a. Previously covered

8) **Date of next meeting – February 11th 2021.** – Ian’s son, Gary will be talking about Rainbows

a. Please email agenda items to Mick

9) **AOB – none today**

10) **A Toast**

a. Mick did throw out a challenge and many people have managed to get a Christmas virtual background, or jumper or decorations, a glass of something and a mince pie!

b. To bring the meeting to an end - Mick

This year has been completely different and a challenge for everyone. It’s a shame we can’t get everyone together.

I’ve had a message from John Todd wishing everyone a happy Christmas. He and Jane are settling really well in Wales.

It’s been challenging for the NHS and Primary Care. The Practice has had to have had to step up at short notice and provide care in ways in such a short time, that they would not have believed. Such a lot of work and energy needed.

c. Thank you to the Practice for all that you have done for our families. Thank you to Paul for all you have done in enabling us to meet.

d. So, raise your glasses, thanks to each and every one and those who are not with us tonight. To the NHS, to CCMG and to our Patients’ Group, Good health, Happy Christmas to you and your families and friends. Look forward to seeing you in 2021

The meeting closed at 18.26

Minutes agreed and signed as correct..... (Chair) Date.....

Encs: - Helens U3A PowerPoint presentation