

Kelsall PPG Meeting

Thursday 22 September 2022

held by conference call

Minutes

Present : Alan Bottomley (Vice Chair), Michele Elvin (Secretary), Jen Bottomley, Alan and Ann Parsons, Dr Claire Baker, Nick Kuszniir, Fiona Smith, Lorraine Hammond and Erin Murray.

1. Apologies & Minutes

Caroline Stein (Chair), Monica Haworth, Julie Johnson

Alan chaired the meeting in Caroline's absence.

Minutes Accepted

2. Matters Arising

Repeat prescriptions – Alan queried whether the extended period for repeat prescriptions was going ahead as the PPG had not had any information from the medical centre to share with our database to communicate the change. Claire reported that the change to the repeat prescriptions timings would not be going ahead because there is insufficient appropriate space to manage the additional storage at the current medical centre.

3. Chair's report

In Caroline's absence Alan read out the following update.

The Rural Alliance Primary Care Network Clinical Director's Report

Dr Adey reported that the enhanced access will start on the 1st October. Provided by the Rural Alliance (RA) practices Monday to Thursday and the federation providing the cover for Friday evening and Saturdays 9-5. This was planned to be run from Tarporley War Memorial Hospital but for the first few months this will be from the practices. These arrangements are shaped by the survey results from over 2,500 patients across the RA.

Claire confirmed that the Kelsall practice day for evening openings would be Tuesdays from 6.00-8.30 p.m.

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

A new development manager is now in post, Jacqui Rutter. Caroline has suggested that perhaps she should be invited to the next PCN Board meeting to give an update. Caroline will send her contact details to Lynn Suckley.

The delay in getting the admin base for the community teams has been delayed by IT issues and Openreach not prioritising the building.

Phase 2 is being planned and costed this is to allow the clinical outpatient activities to become operational. The PCN has been asked to support this financially. The dayroom will also be smartened up and improved to allow patient education and community groups to use it. The trustees are extremely keen that this phase happens as soon as possible.

Dr Adey's practice have been asking about Tarporley War Memorial Hospital regularly and a Trustee, Richard Roberts, will speak to them at their next PPG meeting on 20th September.

Covid Vaccinations

Only Malpas and Bunbury are providing the vaccinations for their patients. Bunbury is prioritising those immunosuppressed patients and housebound on the first wave. Otherwise, patients across the RA will be encouraged to take part in the national programme.

Blister/Nomad packs

Local pharmacies do provide this service. Bunbury do provide this service too but Kelsall do not at present due to lack of space. This hopefully will be reviewed once they have moved into the new premises. Dispensing practices who do not provide these packs will transfer the provision to a local pharmacy to provide it.

Dr Campbell's practice PPG

This practice is struggling to have a PPG at all let alone a chair. They are holding an open day next week to try and recruit.

There were no other updates from Healthwatch.

4. Update on the Medical Centre

Claire reported that Amy the new AMP starts in October but because of the extended delay in opening the new medical centre there is nowhere for her to be located. Because she needs to be in the practice building, some people will be using the Old Bank building again in the interim. Amy can prescribe.

Unfortunately, the new Practice Nurse due to start soon, has been offered a full-time post elsewhere and therefore has decided not to join the Kelsall practice. The practice will be re-recruiting and there will be some locum cover.

The flu vaccine messages are going out shortly. Claire noted that there are pneumonia and shingles vaccinations also going ahead.

There has been a good meeting between the Hub Manager Helen and Claire and a meeting of minds on opportunities for collaborative working.

5. Update on Care Community (CC)/PPG Chairs

In Caroline's absence Alan read out the following update.

Sensory Garden: The site outside the Wellbeing Hub has been cleared but work cannot start until we have taken over the building officially. Meanwhile, Caroline has reached out to another charity Mersey Forest who are keen to work with us on this project. They have offered hedging plants and trees and training for the volunteers in planting these items. Caroline also discussed creating a central space within the garden that could be used as an "outdoor classroom". Because of this they may then be able to help towards the cost of materials, such as sleepers, bark for mulching and

built-in seating etc. Caroline has asked the local garden construction firm to quote for paving this area, 4.5 x 4.5 m so she can compare it with other quotes she has received for alternative materials, such as recycled rubber mulch. Morreys, our local nursery has offered to provide suitable plants for the raised beds at no cost.

Befriending Kelsall: We have spent £192.00 on safeguarding and food hygiene courses to allow us to start the training process for the volunteers.

Befriending Malpas: So far, we have spent £176.87 on room hire and leaflets for their consultation event.

6. Wellbeing Hub update

Two weeks ago Julie went to the site and took some photos which were shared at the meeting as a slide presentation. These will be put up on the PPG website.

Action: Nick to put photos on the website

The hope is that the building will be open in October as the building is complete and fitted out. The delay relates to the landowners sorting out the electrics. These cannot be undertaken until the Land Registry documentation is completed and the electricity company has this information.

7. Flu Clinics

Over the next few days, the PPG is circulating the volunteer rota for the 4 x flu clinics to be held at the Community Centre.

It was decided that mask wearing would be voluntary but encouraged by example.

8. Any Other Business

It was agreed that **going forward the start time of the PPG meetings will be moved to 4.30 p.m.** as this now works better for Claire.

9. Next Meeting : on 20 October at 4.30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams. Any apologies to the Secretary, Michele Elvin. The following meeting will be held on **24 November.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 17.40 p.m.