

The Brimington Surgery -Patient Participation Group

NOTES June 2025

1. **Attendees:**

*S Hague (SH - Chair); M Nicholson: C Hudson (CH); M Liddle; P Wright (PW); S Wetton; J Bramley (JB); Paula Elliott (PE Practice Manager)*

1. **Apologies**

*M Varley; L Hewitt; P Chambers*

1. **Matters arising from last notes not on the agenda**

Car Park – JB chasing Chesterfield Council (not Parish or County) to get arrows marked on the ground to support correct traffic flow. Had no response from them. JB now has the direct number for that department instead of going through switchboard and has left messages and emailed them. Still no response. PW suggested asking the Chesterfield Councillor who is on the Parish Council to help. She has been trying her best and was thanked by the group who appreciate her efforts.

***ACTION*** - JB will now send them a letter.

**Defibrillator** – book sales will continue to go towards the upkeep of this. Derbyshire Times have not responded to coming out for photo. PE suggested we take photo and send a press release to them. SH is also asking someone else to contact the paper.

1. **The PPG**

Thanks expressed from the practice to CH for doing the notice boards and her presence in the surgery talking to patients about the group. CH reminded the group that the PPG can play a part in developing interest regarding joining them.

* ***Brim PPG Guide*** – Discussed and amended. Will be sent out for ratification. PE will make it into a booklet format.
* ***Fundraising*** – BrimFest – SH is unsure if this is going ahead due to something happening with the Police?

Discussion about fundraising for the surgery v for the community.

PE has an idea of an automatic BP/BMI machine (elephant kiosk) which will release Nurse capacity. This is too expensive for the practice to buy especially in the light of needing a new air conditioning system and electronic call screens which will both cost thousands of pounds. Funds could be raised to potentially share the use of the equipment with patients of Calow & Brimington Surgery. PE wants to approach Aldi regarding their community budget.

SH expressed a preference for raising money to fund a social event for carers to share issues .

***ACTION*** - SH – look to raise money for the above . SH to speak to SPLW Karin. To come back to the table with more information at the next meeting, including insurance, what needs doing and by who within the PPG. A sort of business plan which would identify what kind of money would need raising. PE to pass SH email to Karin SPLW.

Overall there were very mixed thoughts regarding fundraising.

*Dr Bellingham joined the meeting.*

 **Pt feedback - (standing item)**

* Family and Friends Test – sent out with the agenda; all looking good.
* Funding to the practice for SMS use is being limited from October. There will be a cap after which the surgery will have to pay for these. This is a concern as the Government is pushing for General Practice to use more electronic methods of communication, of which SMS is currently the key.
1. **Surgery News – (standing item)**
* Dr Briggs, Dr Rebora and Dr Hardwick have now left (14 sessions i.e. half days, of GP time per week).
* New GPs: Dr Anthony Amrasa is working at the practice until December and Dr Patel returns to us in January following her GP training

 Dr Rachel Hewitt has joined on a permanent basis

 Dr Emma Cunnington joins us in August again on a permanent basis

This brings us to a total of 18 sessions so from January we have increased our GP resource.

* No current pregnancies.
* Sick leave has reduced during this period.
* One receptionist has recently resigned and we are recruiting
1. **Any other business**

Covid vaccinations – can we access Pfizer brand? PE – not if we do not get sent them as we do not have any control over this.

July 22nd – 3 til 4pm PCN PPG at Dunston Innovation Centre.

**ACTION:** Please let SH know if you can attend (up to 5 PPG members)

**ACTIONS:**

* PE to look into using the first floor waiting room for meetings due to accessibility;
* PE to look into the practice population to see if the PPG is representative of this
* PE to recheck that new patients are given PPG information.
* PE to send reminder to all - If you ask a patient a question in Accurx please remember to tick the box to let them respond.
* Can the volume on the screen be increased?
* The waiting room upstairs – chairs keep reverting to under the screen however the screen has now broken
* Mounjaro – as a whole, Derbyshire needs to get guidelines in place so for now, no change. Hopefully by September.
* PE to chase response re GP phone slots window of 2 hours.
1. **Date of next meeting** – September 18th 3pm