

## BRIDGE SURGERY PATIENTS GROUP

### Minutes of the Group Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 6.00pm

#### Present

Carol Riches (Chairman), Julie Finch(Practice Manager), Kelvyn Langford, (Patient), Gerry Chatfield, (Patient),Marion Grenville, (Patient), Mick Robinson, (Patient),Derek Walker, (Patient), Graham Lamb,(Patient) and Dr Richards, (GP).

#### 1)Welcome and Introduction to Guest Speaker

The meeting welcomed Gulsoom Aslam who is a Social Prescribing/ Link Worker for East Staffordshire. An interesting and lively presentation and debate followed. Social Prescribing can help fix things that can't be fixed by doctors and medicine alone. It is a multi-faceted approach that takes a total life look at specific problems faced by the client and can involve referrals to a number of agencies and support groups.

2) **Apologies.** No apologies were received.

3) **Notification of any other business.** None was received but new membership was to be discussed during any other business as was Practice arrangements for seeing Patients.

4) **Minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting

5) **Group Business including Virtual Patient Group.** There was no Group Business but discussions did take place as to whether the Virtual Patients Group was still functioning. There had been no noticeable activity within the group for several months.

#### 6) News from the Practice.

Julie gave an update on the Covid Vaccination Programme and members commented how well the practice had performed undertaking this task. Focus at this time was first inoculations for the over 50's as most over 60's had been offered a first inoculation.

In relation to recruitment GP Trainees had rotated and the Practice Nurses vacancy was yet to be filled.

Julie also advised that Dr Wong would shortly be absent for several weeks as a consequence of planned medical leave.

A question was raised during the meeting as to the number of GP'S who were partners and those who were salaried. Julie gave a breakdown of this information to the meeting.

7) **Burton and Derby Hospitals feedback.** Graham updated the meeting on what was happening within the hospital group re the impact of Covid Admissions on waiting times. He also advised the group that re-elections were looming and he was considering whether to stand for re-election to Burton and Derby hospitals group as a Governor.

8) **East Staffordshire Patients Engagement Group.** Carol updated the group on the latest Zoom meeting of this group and it was decided to invite John Bridges to a future meeting to explain the role, workings and influence of the District Group.

9) **Any other Business.**

Membership of the group was discussed and Carol advised that there were currently two vacancies for patient representatives and for group members to consider if they had any friends who may wish to join the group.

Access for Patients Appointments during Covid Epidemic. There was a general discussion as to how patients were accessing appointments during the epidemic. Comment was again raised about the suitability of the tented arrangements outside of the main door. Dr Richards explained the rationale behind how patients were seen and further advised that arrangements for patient appointments were reviewed on a regular basis.

10). **Review of the Meeting.** Discussions took place as to the current frequency of the group meetings and Carol undertook to do a poll outside of the meeting with members to ascertain their thoughts

11) **Date and Time of next Meeting.** Whilst not agreed at the meeting Carol advised members that following consultation it would be held on Tuesday 14 the September at 6.00pm