

# **BRIDGE SURGERY'S PATIENT GROUP**

## **Minutes of the Group Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 6.00pm**

### **Present:**

Carol Riches (Chairman)	Gerry Chatfield (Patient)	Kelvyn Langford (Patient)
Julie Finch (Practice Manager)	Marion Grenville (Patient)	Derek Walker (Patient)
Sandra Gallear (Administrator)	Mick Robinson (Patient)	Graham Lamb (Patient)

### **1 Apologies and Introductions**

Apologies were received from Dr Lawrence Richards who is on paternity leave.

At the meeting on 30/11/2020 Melissa Palfreyman had resigned. Since then, Angela Henry had stood down from the role of Chairman and resigned from the group and Judi Griffiths had also stood down as Secretary and resigned from the group. The normal size of the group is 10 members due to the office limitations, so there are 3 vacancies.

Carol Riches had arranged the meeting as an interim chair and offered to fill the Chairman role. This was unanimously accepted by the group and Carol was confirmed as Chairman. There were no applications for the role of secretary. It was agreed that we ask at each meeting for a person to take on the role for that meeting. Graham Lamb agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

### **2 Notification of Any Other Business**

No additional items

### **3 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 30th November 2020**

No minutes were taken at this meeting.

### **4 Matters arising from Minutes of Last Meeting**

None.

### **5 Group Business including Virtual Patient Group (10 mins)**

Carol has spoken to one person who wants to join, she will provide the details to Julie so that person can complete the required forms.

This still leaves two vacancies. Julie said there were 37 people who had been on the Virtual Patient Group, (VPG) these people had not been communicated with recently. There was a discussion on the VPG and the view was this was a potential source of new members and still has a value. Julie will contact the 37 people to see if they want to stay on the VPG and if any people are interested in joining the Patient Group.

Gerry suggested if we get more than 2 people interested, we allow them to join while we still have the virtual meetings.

### **6 News from the Practice (15 mins)**

Julie said the Practice Nurse had retired, initial efforts to replace had not been successful. However a slightly different role has now been advertised and 2 candidates are being considered

A new GP trainee has joined the practice.

Two GPs are currently off but are expected to return by the end of the month

Major focus has been the covid vaccinations and the practice has used Pirelli and done some sessions at the surgery. The take up of vaccines is going well and the practice expect to hit the targets for the first four groups and expect to be contacting the next groups shortly.

Several of the PPG had received their vaccinations and said how good the process was.

Julie suggested that it may be worthwhile for the Social Prescriber for the practice to give a presentation to a future meeting. It was agreed this sounded a useful session, that we would put it at the start of the agenda and agree a specific time allocation.

### **7 East Staffordshire District Patient Engagement Group**

Gerry and Carol had attended the last meeting the main point was the 6 CCGs in Staffordshire have now agreed to merge. Carol asked if anyone else was interested in attending and Derek was keen.

Marion gave a feedback on a diabetes event, where they are looking at zoom sessions for people who have been diagnosed recently and need some get active training

### **8 Burton & Derby (Hospital) Feedback**

Graham gave a short update on UHDB. Covid pressures had started to reduce from the January peak but this had meant a lot of surgery operations had to be delayed due to lack of beds and the need for theatre staff to help out with covid patients.

### **9 Any Other Business**

It was thought it would be useful for the patient members to have an informal meeting to review the terms of reference for the group and see if this is still felt current.

### **10 Next Meeting**

Next meeting was suggested for 30/3. Julie will check if a doctor is available and if the Social Prescriber could attend.

### **11 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 7:00pm. Carol thanked everyone for attending.

### **Abbreviations:**

DG East Staffordshire District Patient Engagement Group

PPG Patient Participation Group

UHDB University Hospitals of Derby and Burton