**W P P G**

**The Wheatbridge Patients’ Participation Group**

**Minutes of the WPPG Meeting held on 13 September 2022**

**Present:** Judith Stanley Sue Ottowell

Ruth Ludford Bridget Dunks

Mike Little Dr Susan Savage

Tracey Lawson Matthew O'Malley

**Apologies:** Linda Clarke Carole Sadler

Philip Abbott Spencer Hoskin

Ian Edmundson

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Judith welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

* Matt is going to look into shortening the introduction about COVID on the telephone.
* Bridget wanted to clarify that 30 emergency slots became available in the afternoon as well as the morning. Matt said that there was.

Other than those, the minutes of the meeting on 14 June 22 were agreed as a true and correct record.

1. **Feedback from Group Reps**

As Ian was not at the meeting there was no feedback from Group Reps, other than the information already circulated to members regarding the PPG Network meeting on 20.9.22 if anyone wishes to attend.

1. **Items from the suggestion box**

Tracey had checked the suggestion box regularly and there had been no suggestions.

1. **Recruitment of New Members**

Following on from the last meeting a further discussion ensued about how to recruit new members. It was agreed that as we have access to text messaging Matt will speak to the Partners to agree on the wording for a message to be sent out to patients. This will inform them that the WPPG exists. It will also ask them to look at the Surgery website if they are interested in finding out more information about the WPPG. The date of the meetings are on the website and are open for all patients to attend. Matt will also ask the Partners about sending a separate message adding a link for them to complete a short questionnaire as to what time they would prefer a meeting to take place. It was agreed to use the S40 and S41 to promote the WPPG. Matt to look into this.

1. **Physiotherapy referrals**

Ruth wanted to know whether all physiotherapy referrals went to Chesterfield Royal Hospital or Walton Hospital. Dr Savage explained that most patients self-refer to physiotherapy and are then given the option of where they would like to be treated. Wheatbridge Surgery do have physiotherapists working here but they are employed by Chesterfield Royal Hospital. It was also explained that if a patient is referred via a GP for a more in-depth problem, they will be referred to the Musculoskeletal Service (MSK) which is based at Ilkeston who will signpost them to the most appropriate clinician. Once contacted they will be able to be seen at a hospital of their choice, including Whitworth.

1. **Any Other Business**

The flu clinics this year will take place on Saturday, 17 September 2022 and Saturday, 15 October 2022 and another one in November 2022, date to be decided

1. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 January 2023.

Judith thanked members for attending.

The meeting closed at 12:50 pm