

## **Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> College Green PPG Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. At College Green.**

In attendance Dan Hill (DH) Dr Neha Modi (NM)

JC, JA, NF, JN (Vice Chair) RS,

SH, JT, SM, Ann Ellis (Chair) plus 1 other.

**Apologies** JH, CB, EM, LR, RS

**Minutes** of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) does not mention College Green Practice on the list of updated Primary Care networks. It only mentions Granton. College Green is part of the Bournville and Northfield PCN which includes Wychall Lane, St Heliers and Woodland Rd surgeries. The purpose of these networks is to work together for the greater benefit of patients.

DH has contacted the CCG to update records, The CCG had been informed previously.

There are still problems with the Hospitals updating their records to show patients belonging to College Green. It was agreed that College Green were doing their best to ensure everything was updated but have not yet succeeded.

Minutes were agreed to be a true record.

### **Practice Updates**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, College Green will be extending their opening hours outside their core hours to open until 8pm in the evening and from 9am to 1pm on Saturday mornings. They will be a hub for the area. From October the practice is likely to open on Saturdays from 9 until 5pm.. This is causing difficulties recruiting staff, as staff may not wish to increase their hours but would prefer to work Saturdays instead of one day during the week.

The Practice has not been given any information as yet about offering booster vaccines to the over 70s.

The TV screens in the upstairs waiting rooms are excellent on providing information on College Green and wider issues, such as strokes, healthy life styles and diabetes.

- The CCG will be replaced in April by the Integrated Care Services (ICS) it will cover Birmingham and Solihull and the hospitals., the council [Live Healthy Live Happy Birmingham and Solihull](#): Birmingham and Solihull ICS, known as Live Happy Live Healthy, is a collaboration of public NHS and council social care commissioners and providers working together with partners in the voluntary, community and independent sectors to manage the health and care needs of our population to live long, happy and independent lives.

**Meet a member of staff.** Dr Modi gave a very clear description of her role as safeguarding lead within the Practice. She works full time, five patient sessions and the remainder of the time responsible for safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults. This includes that the safeguarding policies are updated, and ensuring staff are updated on training, it involves following up patients

who do not attend immunisations to domestic violence and other safeguarding issues. She links with health visitors, schools, midwives, dedicated SN workers and social workers. Her caseload includes 60 under 5s, 60 over 5s and approximately 200 vulnerable adults. There is increasing demand for these services, but unfortunately there is less support from community and Local authority r agencies because of cut backs to the budgets.

## **AGM**

Proposed date is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30pm at College Green. The Practice agreed to communicate this to patients by text and by including information on the TV screens.

We need to elect a chair, a vice chair and a secretary. Please think about whether you could undertake any of these roles, the election would be for two years. The Vice chair to take over from the chair after two years to ensure there is succession planning.

It was suggested someone from the practice might talked briefly on the opportunities and facilities at the practice. Possibly the practice could discuss this and come up with suggestions of what could be offered, DR Modi's talk today gave us all an idea of the breadth and depth of a doctor's role these days.

## **Any Other business**

Moving forward, I t was suggested that we alternated lunchtime and evening meetings to try and increase participation from a broader range of patients. It might be possible to have a speaker at some meetings. More generally having a scheduled programme of speakers on key health issues was something of value to patients, who might not want to approach the practice individually, as well as hopefully attracting more people to meetings.

Suggestions included Tony Kelly, Diabetes UK's Community Champion on diabetes,

Prof Janet Lord on the Thousand Elders on research healthy lifestyles

The needs of carers,

Dementia and indicators,

Keeping healthy

Social prescribing

Healthy eating and exercise,

Coffee mornings

Walking group

Move it or Lose it group

Any other ideas are welcome

The Meeting closed at 1.50PM