

2024 PPG AGM REVIEW

Welcome to our AGM. It has been a rather unsettling 12 months with highs and lows. We are all aware of the economic constraints and the threats to peace globally, having just come through the general election which has caused further instability.

On local issues regarding the NHS there is still a long task ahead to resolve inequalities. We are all conscious of the difficulty in obtaining NHS Dental treatment and the general feeling that it is still difficult to obtain a GP appointment. There is also a long waiting list for hospital referrals. Let us hope the new government soon meets with the Junior Doctors' representative to resolve their issues.

On a positive note, we at our surgery fare generally better than most with the services we offer. There are several options available to patients to try and meet their individual concerns although we need to review the way they are made aware of these processes.

This is an opportunity to offer my grateful thanks to Tracy for her unstinting support and friendliness to the PPG. Her endeavours to consistently review the function of the Practice and "make a difference" is inspiring and much appreciated by us all.

As you are aware most of our Agenda items raise the question as to how we can expand our role in the PPG and "reach out" to patients and other fringe members of society. Fortunately, there have been a number of opportunities recently to expand in this area.

Under the "Pathfinder Group and Bletchley Clubs banner. The Red House surgery with a local PPG Conference has provided an opportunity for us all to get together and exchange ideas. This is something we have been advocating for some time now, and further on I hope this will expand to other MK PPG Groups.

There is a seminar arranged by Healthwatch and the ICB on the "Denny Review" focusing on health-related inequalities within the community.

Regarding "Social Prescribing" the local Parish Council at Shenley Church End hold a coffee morning on the third Tuesday of each month.

As you may be aware our Chair Trevor has decided to step back from the PPG, but still wishes to remain a member.

On behalf of us all I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Trevor for all his resolve as a founder member to establish the PPG initially and for his continued support to me behind the scenes. Our best wishes to Trevor and his wife for the future.

Grateful thanks to Terry for his support and fulfilling the role of Minute taker/Secretary. No easy task taking minutes and trying to follow the meeting!

Finally on a positive note it is quite possible that after this AGM we may have a new committee going forward.

My thanks to you all for your support in the function of our PPG and especially contributing individually to make the welcoming and friendly group we are.

My best wishes to you all.

Roger.