

## MEDICUS HEALTH PARTNERS

Notes from PPG meeting held on 11 February 2021

**Attendees:** Dr U. Sarkar, Vivien Kentish, Janice Downing, Adam White (Willow House), John Donnelly (Trinity Avenue), Roger Owen, Tina Matthews (Freezywater), Jacqueline (Lincoln Road), Nigel Rawcliffe (Forest Road), Graham Dove (Bush Hill Park)

### Welcome

Janice welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting

**Apologies** - Margaret and David Green

**Minutes of Previous Meeting** - Agreed

### Matters Arising/Ongoing

- Newsletter - we agreed to publish a PPG newsletter quarterly. Nigel highlighted problems with finding PPG minutes on the Medicus website. Nigel will work with Dr Sarkar to tidy this up to enable easier access. We agreed to publish only the minutes from the Medicus PPG meetings. JD will liaise with Vivien to produce a newsletter. *(Action: Nigel and Dr Sarkar – tidy up website ; JD to draft a newsletter)*
- Patches - JD reported the views of a Forest Road patient - he felt that the change was unnecessary as EConsult worked well, that patients should have had a chance to test the new software and queried the cost. Dr Sarkar responded that Medicus have a free trial until 21 April 2021 after that it costs 27p per registered patient per annum

### Goals and Objectives

- To improve communication with patients - newsletter agreed.  
JD stressed how important it is to keep PPG Chairs informed of changes within the practice and that she had requested this was mentioned at a recent Site Managers' meeting. The recent interim PPG meeting was a good example of keeping Chairs up to date.  
Dr Sarkar said that he would like the PPG to work closely with Enfield Council. *(Action: JD will invite a local Councillor to our next meeting)*
- Wellbeing programmes - JD informed the meeting that Imagination Arts are holding dance classes for Carers and NHS workers, free of charge. *(Action: JD will forward the information)*

### Coronavirus Update

Dr Sarkar did a slide presentation updating us on the vaccine rollout. Graham asked about the supply of vaccine for the second doses. Dr Sarkar said that supply will be based on the number of first doses that the practice has given. Nigel asked whether the glass vials are recyclable - no, they go into the sharps bin and are incinerated.

## **Medicus Update**

Vivien reported that the websites are being upgraded, it is a work in progress, historic data will be removed.

## **Any Other Business**

- ❖ Cabs for Jobs scheme - JD reported that Enfield Council don't know of a scheme in Enfield, Age UK Enfield responded that Age UK National have an arrangement with Uber to provide taxis but local demand has been so low it has not been necessary to access this service.
- ❖ Medicus PPG meetings - we agreed to invite all PPG members to attend the meetings, not just the Chairs.

**Date of Next Meeting** - Thursday 6 May 2021 at 6.30 pm

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