**Minutes**

**Appletree PPG Meeting76**

**26th January 2022**

**5.30 – 6.10pm via zoom**

**Attendees: George Newton (Chair), David Greatorex (Vice Chair), John Beavis, Sue Morris, John Lound?, Claire Stevens (GNP rep)**

**From Appletree: Lianne Burke (Practice Manager), Dr David Regan (Partner), Jude Kelf**

**(Social Prescriber)**

1. **Opening and welcome**: GN welcomed everyone to the zoom meeting and thanked everybody for attending**.**
2. **Present and apologies**: No apologies required due to zoom format
3. **Matters arising: NTR**

**Standing Items:**

1. Minutes of previous meeting (21st July 2021): Approved by SM
2. Action Plan

* PPG Patient Survey (not applicable at moment). Recommence Post Covid
* PPG Notice Board (not applicable)

6. Other patient representative bodies (as appropriate)

* Good Neighbourhood project - Dr Claire Stevens a previous partner at Appletree Medical practice joined to update the PPG on the latest news from the GNP. Please find attached PDF presentation. If anybody if interested in joining the GNP, please let either Lianne or George know so that we can pass your details on.

7. Appletree update – latest news from the Practice incl.

* Belper primary care network (PCN)
  + Social prescribers – Unfortunately Jude Kelf's microphone did not work, so was unable to present, but Lianne gave a quick overview. The role of the social prescriber is to work with patients who are struggling with anxiety /mental health / social deprivation etc, offering them support and tools to cope. They will often signpost to services to help. More information can be found at:

<https://appletreemedical.co.uk/files/2021/07/Social-Prescribing-Leaflet.pdf>

Sue Morris highlighted a scheme run by Derby County Community Trust (DCCT) - <https://www.derbycountycommunitytrust.com/programmes/health/wellbeing-all>

* Appletree have again been struggling with staffing levels since xmas. Many staff have been isolating from covid itself or household contacts. Lianne explained the complexities and issues this causes, with staff working from home etc and unable to offer face to face appointments.
* Opt out 1 form – last year it was highlighted to the PPG that NHS digital were planning on Extracting patient data for planning and research (GPDPR). Patients were requested to opt out using an Opt out 1 form if they did not want their data extracting (initially the deadline for opting out was end of June, but this later got delayed until the 1st Sept).

There were concerns that NHS Digital had 'not transparently and actively engaged the public'. Consequently, the health minister Jo Churchill outlined a new process for starting the collection of patient data and there is no specific start date for launching this yet.

* New Staff at Appletree:
  + Rachel Astle – Trainee Advanced Clinical Prescriber (ACP) started in November.
  + Charlotte Fowler – Additional Practice Nurse. Charlotte has 15 years' experience in ICU but is new to General Practice and will undergo a year's intensive training.
  + The PCN are currently advertising for additional Pharmacists and Pharmacist Technicians to help support the current GP teams across the 4 PCN practices.
* PPG Newsletter – Lianne is keen to get this back up and running. Over the past 2 years focus has been on creating Appletree Updates to keep the patients informed on the processes to get appointments and the difficulties of running a GP surgery during a pandemic. Lianne will endeavour to produce a newsletter ready for the PPG approval at the end of March, where she is hoping we can have a face-to-face meeting.

Other Items:

1. Any other business

David Greatorex raised an issue with the Constitution – Please see attached

Please could everybody consider this ready for the AGM meeting in March 22.