

Minutes- march meeting

As promised, Sue has tried to contact our local MP Nadia Whittome. Her assistant wrote back explaining that Nadia was too busy currently to meet.

Suzanna detailed the progress we have made with regard to improving contact with our PCN. We have agreed to meet with the PCN5 leadership in the coming weeks and will send them a proposed date in the very near future. Our major objective is to find out how well they are working and where we can get more involved.

We agreed that a face-to-face meeting would be better than "on the net". The fact that Steve White, who heads up our PCN, is keen to meet, is very encouraging.

We discussed the upcoming HUB, the third, which is planned for Friday the 26th of this month. The second HUB, that a number of us attended, was an improvement on the first HUB which was run by the PCN.

Again a number of us will attend the HUB and we it may be that we suggest our proposed meeting with PCN5, be held on that morning prior to the 1pm HUB start or perhaps mid-afternoon.

Regarding our PCN, funding for next year is something we would like to investigate. Our surgery currently has access to a therapist, 2 pharmacists four days a week, social prescribers and mental health assistance.

Ideally we would like to understand how these assets, and the associated monies, are allocated to the surgeries in our PCN. There are usually benefits from increased transparency in such areas, and the opportunity for our PPG to have some input in our surgery's future might be a healthy move?

Another question was asked about how patients in general get information from or about the surgery? We should enquire and report back.

A final question was asked about how we improve our PPG membership numbers/attendance? It was suggested that perhaps we could make an effort at this approaching HUB to publicise our PPG? This is something we should investigate.

Finally, we were delighted to hear of the award to Dr Jane Coleman, for her work in the field of research. In the past we have benefitted from her kind support. We know we are fortunate to be patients in a first class surgery, and such recognition of Dr Coleman's work serves to confirm that.