**Elmswood PPG Meeting - 3rd December 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting started with the group recognizing the contribution made by Amanda Roberts, in her role as Secretary to the Committee over many years. Recent connections with other PPG’s In our Bestwood & Sherwood group, suggest we compare favourably with them and Amanda has played a major part in the successful running of our PPG.

The Chair asked whether anyone had an issue they wished to raise. Pauline expressed strong reservations about the takeover of Nottingham GP surgeries by a multi-billion US Healthcare firm, operating under the name of “Operose”. Concern was expressed that the culture of such businesses was one of profit first and patient care second – somewhat different to that of the National Health Service.

(Those wishing to learn more can google “US purchase of GP surgeries Nottingham – Funding cut and threat…….” where Dr I Malik is quoted. (Nov 2020) or “NHS GP practice operator with 50,000 patients passes into……”) (Feb 2021). As the sitting MP is already involved, continuing to monitor the situation may be all we can do. Other suggestions are welcome.)

* **Actions:** All members to report any press/media or local comment about the situation.

We then discussed up-and-coming PCN activity.

The Chair noted that PCNs had been discussed in June and September last year. However the PCN Showcase Event being held on January 18th gives us an opportunity to have a voice and build influence. Sue, Suzanna and I have attended a number of meetings with Petra (PCN Development Manager) and Natasha Lightfoot (PCN Admin Officer). To date we are not aware of any other PPG involvement but Suzanna knows attempts are being made by the PCN development team to contact other PPGs.

At the meeting last Wednesday, as requested by Petra, Suzanna delivered a comprehensive programme for the “Patient Breakout Group” part of the event. Hopefully that will be accepted.

Emma has been asked to take part in the working group which could be hugely helpful. It seems Elmswood could play a significant role in this venture!

It must be noted that some real reservations were expressed by two members about previous “events” where assurances were made but never delivered, resulting in real frustration and annoyance.

* Actions: Sue, Suzanne, Tony & Derek to meet as when required regarding the PCN Event. Suzanna and Derek to attend fortnightly Wednesday & Friday PCN meetings

Derek and Suzanna to raise concerns about the importance of “after event**” follow-up and action** thus preventing ill-feeling and resentment.

Derek to complete his visits to the other surgeries in our PCN. Would all other members let us know of any issues/information about the PCN Event or other issues.

Our next meeting will be at 6.30 on Wednesday 12th January.