

## **Notes from Elmswood Surgery PPG Meeting 6/11/2024**

**Apologies:** Sue Tribe (chair)

**Present:** Dr Irfan Malik, Pauline Sault, Laura Archer, Cathy Rees, Suzanna van Schaick

With a small group, this was largely an informal discussion. The following points were noted:

- Senior practice nurse Heidi is retiring (probably March 2025). The practice has just started advertising for a replacement.
- Dr Malik reported that practice staffing was otherwise stable, and appropriate.
- From those patients present there was positive feedback both with regard to reception staff and with availability/accessibility of appointments.
- There was general discussion about the difficult situation in general practice, including concern generated by the absence of any clear indication of extra funding and the fact that general practice was not exempt from the forthcoming employer national insurance rises.
- Those present all agreed that it would be a very good idea to invite MP Nadia Whittome to a PPG meeting (if advertised, such a meeting would draw a larger attendance).

**Agreed action:** SvS to ask the chair if she would invite Nadia Whittome.

**Date of next meeting:** awaiting suggestions from Sue Tribe as Chair.

Suzanna van Schaick 12/11/24