Minutes of the Esplanade Patient Participation Group

27th June 2024

**Present:**

Karin Wales Graham Driver

Janet McNeal Elizabeth Hughes

Christina Arnold Tessa Theodore

Geoffrey Key Robin Hamilton

Roger Merry Dr Fox (GP Partner)

Jon Matthews (Practice Manager)

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

Read and agreed

**Practice Update**

Jon updated the Group regarding the forthcoming refresh of the Practice Website. The existing website, as with 99% of other Island GP Practice websites, did not meet many of the requirements of NHS Digital. It was hoped that the new website would be easier to use than the existing, outdated one.

Jon then explained that the Practice had become a Research Practice, supporting various research projects, starting with diabetes and ADHD. Patients who met the criteria set out by a project would receive an invitation to participate, however any participation was completely voluntary.

**Election of new Chair and Secretary**

Following Simon and Alice’s resignations the Group was asked if there were any volunteers for the post of Chair and Secretary.

Graham Driver volunteered to become Chair and Roger Merry Secretary. There were no other candidates, so Graham and Roger were appointed.

**General Practice Finance overview**

Jon gave a presentation to the Group illustrating how General Practice is funded and outlining some of the challenges Primary Care was currently facing in making ends meet.

**AOB**

Elizabeth asked if the Esplanade would be offering RSV vaccinations. Jon replied that he had seen some information that day which outlined that an RSV vaccination campaign would start in September and that the Esplanade Surgery would be participating.

There was a brief discussion regarding who, within the Esplanade Team, the Group would like to hear from. It was suggested that the Reception Team Lead and Social Prescriber would be useful guests.

Roger suggested that he could give a talk on Power of Attorney if the Group felt this to be useful. It was felt that this would be of great interest to the Group.

Promoting the Group – Graham undertook to produce a poster to be displayed in the Surgery. It was suggested that this could also be put up on the Ryde Noticeboard.