

Inaugural Meeting of the Studfall Medical Centre PPG

5th June 2023

Attendees: LG (Practice Manager Dr Sumira's), Linda Wickham (Practice Manager Studfall Partnership), M D, J P, S C, J B. K G sent her apologies and hoped to join us for the next meeting.

Studfall Medical Centre managers welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a short introduction. Former members were also asked how the group had worked in the past

To begin the meeting the managers gave everyone an update on the recent retirements of Dr Sumira, Dr S Kumar and Dr M Kumar and the new organisation overseeing both practices being Aspiro Healthcare. The new named GP being Dr Emily Winters with Dr R Kumar also supporting the practices. As part of Aspiro Healthcare we would be part of a larger organisation with more resources to draw upon. Some GPs still remained such as Dr Oldring and Dr Maye who are joined by Dr Mugisa, Dr Balogun and Dr Adebayo.

The managers then proceeded to tell the meeting of plans to unite the 2 surgery's resources to make one practice, giving the surgeries more resilience in the face of ever increasing demands and recruitment issues. However this was still in the consultation period and no firm plans had been made as yet. Patients in attendance understandably had concerns regarding this. The meeting was assured that there are no plans to become a super practice and, as many staff remained, there would still be business as usual with no change to the appointment system apart from more face to face appointments being available at Dr Sumira's. Weldon Surgery would still remain. As long standing practices the surgeries had good relationships with their patients and are proud of our achievements and assured the meeting they wanted to continue this.

A short presentation was made regarding what a PPG is and what would be needed to set up the new group.

SC asked whether there would be a structure to the meeting? It was agreed that an agenda would be in place for the next meeting.

It was also agreed that LG would send out all the information which had been presented to the meeting so that attendees could consider what they wanted to achieve for the group.

Unfortunately no one offered to stand as Chair or Secretary but were asked to consider this for the next meeting.

One very important point that was discussed was communication and how we would disseminate recent events and future developments to as many patients as possible. The meeting agreed that sending letters to all patients was extremely costly so email, text, social media and posters in the practice were the preferred methods as different people used different mediums.

It was agreed that the group would meet again next month following LG emailing everyone the information regarding setting up a PPG

Meeting closed at 6.40pm