

Brief Notes from the Patient Forum Meeting
held on Monday 28th April 2025

**Present:- William Baldwin, Rupert Leggett,
Dr. Lawrence Wong, Gill Warburton and Kathryn Brignall**

**Apologies:- Derek Bailey, Irene Bailey, Gill Barnes, Avril
Binns, Aftab Hussain, Yasmin Hussain and Alison Moore**

AGENDA ITEMS:-

- 1. Matters arising from the minutes of 13th January 2025 meeting**
- 2. Kathryn Brignall – Neighbourhood Leader with an update on the North Neighbourhood's work**
- 3. Health Education Sessions**
- 4. 2 new arrivals!**
- 5. New Receptionist**
- 6. Extra GP surgeries, Dr. Omenya and Dr. Choudhury**
- 7. Up-and-coming Charity Events**
- 8. Any other business**
- 9. Date and time of next meeting**

PRINCIPAL OUTCOMES OF DISCUSSIONS:-

1. Matters arising from the minutes of 13th January 2025 meeting - There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 13th January 2025 meeting and the minutes were agreed as correct.

2. Kathryn Brignall – Neighbourhood Leader with an update on the North Neighbourhood's work – Kathryn gave an informative update on what is happening within our

neighbourhood. She reminded us that the 2 areas that the neighbourhood is concentrating on are cancer and falls. With cancer their focus is on the early identification of cancer including screening and falls is focussing on falls prevention. Kathryn showed us posters and told us about videos that are available in several languages to spread the word. The Health Improvement Practitioners all have packs that they give out to the patients that they see. Gill to send out copies of the regular newsletters to the patient forum members that Kathryn sends to practices as they are full of information about events in the area.

3. Health Education Sessions – Lawrence told the group that Dr. Peddie had run 2 Breast Awareness Sessions in the evenings in April and the surgery is planning to run further education sessions. Those present thought that Dementia was a good topic for one of the future sessions.

4. 2 New Arrivals – Gill informed the group that Zaakirah, one of our in-house Pharmacists has had a new baby girl in April and Ashleigh, one of our receptionists has had a baby boy last week.

5. New Receptionist - Gill told the group that the practice has a new receptionist called Nicola Taylor who started work with us on 1st April. Nicola has fitted in really well with the team and is doing great despite having worked with a different computer system in her previous practice.

6. Extra GP surgeries, Dr. Omneya and Dr. Choudhury – Lawrence told the group that Dr. Omneya is doing another day for us from the beginning of July so she will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Dr. Mahid Choudhury is going to be doing every Friday for us. This will increase our capacity by 4 surgeries per week.

7. Up-and coming Charity Events – Lawrence told those present that on 21st May he will be cycling alongside Dr. Mike McCurdie from Whitehaven to Tynemouth in order to raise money for Marie Curie. Dr. Stephen Liversedge will also be supporting them.

Dr. Gabriella Hayden is also doing a charity event – she is doing a tandem skydive on 9th August 2025 to raise money for Bolton Hospice.

6. Any other business – Lesley has now retired from the group after 9 years of fantastic support to the surgery. We are very grateful for all her many contributions over the years!

Rupert asked some questions about how general practice has changed over the years and some general questions about the surgery.

Date and time of next meeting – it was agreed to meet on Monday 28th July at 6pm.