

Elmswood Surgery PPG Meeting - 25/7/25

Present:- Magrit Mitchell, Shelagh Clarke, Sue Tribe, Derek Huett, Suzanna van Schaick, Sue Dunn, Justyna Ewa Pawlaczyk.

It was noted that Cathy Rees's attendance at our last meeting was not recognised in the meeting minutes. Our apologies to Cathy.

Sue opened the meeting by talking about the Governments recently published 10 year plan.

It was strongly felt that there were a number items in the document that were particularly regressive and GP's as a whole are unhappy with the direction taken.

Justyna, who is "close to the action", was able to help us understand what was happening and how surgeries may or will be affected.

Sue asked us all to keep an eye on the progress of these changes - we need to be up to date.

Suzanna had been instrumental in requesting a meeting with Steve White who heads up our PCN. That meeting was held at 3pm on Thursday 26 June at The Place Activity Centre in Sherwood.

Suzanna had invited representation from the other surgeries in our PCN and a number were present. The meeting ran well over its allotted time and Steve has committed to keep us in touch about the progress of a number of key issues that he hopes to implement.

In the meantime, we were unhappy with the lack of information we have regarding the distribution of funds to the various surgeries within our PCN.

However, on the subject of resource allocation, we now have a monthly visit from a diabetic nurse who handles any difficult or complex questions that a patients may have.

We also have a new physiotherapist, who one of us recommended.

Sue suggested that a notice in the surgery or on the website, dealing with the questions that patients need answering, would be useful - how to get the information and treatment they require.

We also talked about how to treat the elderly who, in a world changing with the advent of "technology and robots", find it difficult to cope.

Finally, we suggested that, if possible, we should support our surgery by having "flu jabs" etc, at the surgery rather than local pharmacies.