

Minutes of Lepton and Kirkheaton Patient Participation Group – 19th March 2025

Present

Annette Day, Mary McCormack, Jennifer Spencer, Barbara Green, Peter Clay, Dr Mani, John Gledhill, Anna Roberts

Apologies

None

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The PATCH system is still being worked on to improve its performance.

We are still actively trying to contact previous PPG members to encourage their attendance at meetings.

Any points which require some attention will be noted in the minutes in future.

2. Surgery Update

Practice Updates by Anna Roberts Practice Manager

1. We are pleased to welcome our new practice nurse, Bria Tarazi, who will primarily be based at Kirkheaton Surgery. Bria will be starting her clinics soon, following the completion of her induction.
2. We've also recruited a new receptionist, Leah, who is new to primary care and is progressing well with her training.
3. Our COVID-19 Spring Booster campaign will be launching shortly. The booster will be available to adults aged 75 and over, residents in care homes for older adults, and individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed. Eligible patients will receive an invitation from the surgery to book their appointment.
4. There has been a national focus on modern general practice, with an emphasis on digital consultations and a more stringent triage process. We are exploring alternative ways of working, but want to ensure that any changes we make are suitable for the practice and our patients. We are committed to providing an equitable service for all patients, whether they access care online, by phone, or in person. At this time of year, we are still awaiting several decisions regarding contracts and will consider alternative options once we receive further information from our Integrated Care Board

2024 in Review:

1. Cervical Screening Rate: 83.7% — The highest in Kirklees and above the national target.
2. Bowel Cancer Screening Rate: 79.8% — Above the national target.

3. Breast Screening Rate: 69.7% — Slightly below target, alike most practices in our area, but showing improvement since last year.
4. Patient Satisfaction: 96.5% of patients rated our service as 'good' or 'very good' in 2024.
5. Flu Vaccination Uptake:
 - 1 Child Flu: Increased by 20%.
 - 2 Under 65 Flu: Increased by 29%.
 - 3 Over 65 Flu: Increased by 8%.
6. COVID-19 Autumn Booster: Uptake increased by 54%.

Blood tests are available at the hospital on the same day however if needed at the surgery can take longer.

If a patient needs to see a named member of staff it will take longer to make an appointment.

As mentioned in the surgery update the new contract may change the way we do things in the future.

It should be no problem to accommodate any increase in patients due to new housing nearby.

Physical space in the surgery can sometimes be a problem but outsourcing can help.

3. Date of next meeting

16th July at 2pm Lepton Surgery.