

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAYBUSH PPG HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

**PRESENT** – John Barnsley (Chairman), Chris & Stuart Monks, June Collinson, Wendy Linley, Sheila Berrigan, Paula Fulcher, David Cavell, Ray Watson (Secretary).

**APOLOGIES** – Margaret & John Laister, Munawar Khan.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Medical students** - Louise advised that the practice's students were not ready to carry out appointments with individual PPG members. The likely date is sometime in spring.
- **Weight Management** - Chairman John said that Aspire were very pleased with the outcome of the event held on 20<sup>th</sup> January. They want to book another session. Louise said that all clinicians can refer patients to this programme. They are required to sign a pledge.
- **Online Prescriptions** - Louise felt there was no urgency regarding online prescriptions. Ray and Stuart commented on the large number of patients they observed depositing scripts in the box.
- **Paula** – gave a brief resume of herself.

**MINUTES** - the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

### **NO SMOKING EVENT** (with Nicola Whittingham)

- Louise informed the Group that Nicola was the 'smoking lead' who works for Wakefield Council. Also, there was a referral protocol in place for patients who were smokers.
- June asked why her medical records stated she had received smoking cessation advice. She had never smoked and had not received any such advice. Louise said she would investigate but that it was not possible to amend or delete items on any patient's records. However, additional notes could be made. **Louise**
- Nicola said that 19.5% of all adult (15 years +) patients in Wakefield were smokers. Of Maybush adult patients, 27.1% were smokers. Ray felt this was a surprisingly high figure. There is a spike of patients nationally in the mid-30s to mid-40s age group. Nicola also stated that there was a direct relationship between smoking and deprivation.
- The event will be held at the practice on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 9am to 4pm**. This is National No Smoking Day. It will help to improve knowledge of the service and how they can help Maybush patients to quit smoking.
- To help publicise the event – **Facebook (Louise), posters (John B), Wakefield Express (Ray)**.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- John will email the Group with suggestions for health events for the rest of 2020. **John**
- Louise briefed the Group on the practice's arrangements for anyone suspected of having the coronavirus.

**NEXT MEETING** - the next monthly meeting will be held at the practice on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.

The meeting closed at 6.38pm.