

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL HALL GROVE GROUP PRACTICE
PATIENTS' VOICE STEERING GROUP MEETING 9 June 2021

In Attendance: Andrew Longman (Chairperson), Roger Hudson (Secretary),
Helen Eames, Jenny Gebka, Peter Wilson.

1. Apologies – Dr Chendoran Kanthi, Anne Knight.
2. The minutes of the virtual meeting held on 12 May 2021 were agreed.
3. Practice Update
 - 3.1. Vaccinations – By the end of June the Practice will have finished all the planned first and second vaccinations and will be chasing patients who have not taken up their invitations.
 - 3.2. NHS Sharing of Patient Information - The Practice will update their website to provide an-opt out for patients not wishing their information to be shared. Members of the Steering Group are concerned that there appears to be few details available about the NHS proposals and that the sharing of this information apparently is to happen very quickly. There are significant concerns about privacy and the arrangements for opting out for people without access to the internet.
 - 3.3. It was noted that the Guardian newspaper reported on 8 June 2021 that these NHS proposals are being pushed back 2 months to the 1 September because of a lack of consultation. More information will be sought from the Practice about these proposals and the timetable. **Action AL**
 - 3.4. Distribution of PV leaflets - The Practice has handed out leaflets publicising the PV but there has been little response.
4. Points to Raise with Practice - England's NHS's plan to share patient records with third parties – see para's 3.2 & 3.3 above.
5. PV Recruitment
 - 5.1. Text message – It is not clear whether the Practice has sent this out yet and the situation needs to be clarified. **Action AL**
 - 5.2. eMail to PV members asking them to join the Steering Group – A draft will be circulated to SG members for comment. **Action JG**
6. Newsletter
 - 6.1. The current newsletter has not yet been issued and it is recognised the production of newsletters is becoming a significant exercise for the small Steering Group. Albeit the newsletter is an important communication tool for the PV.
 - 6.2. In future newsletters will be limited to two A4 pages and if necessary, additional information will be provided via a link or an attachment.
 - 6.3. To ensure newsletters are issued promptly and are up-to-date, one member will carry out a final proof reading after which there will be no further amendments or additions. **Action JG**
7. Any Other Business
 - 7.1. Proposals for the frequency and dates of future Steering Group meetings will be circulated. **Action AL**
 - 7.2. The SG should consider how it could contribute to the various awareness weeks that are organised periodically with a view to recruiting people to the PV.
8. Date of Next Steering Group Meeting (via Skype) - To be arranged.