

**Birchwood Medical Practice
Patient Participation Group Meeting
Thursday 17th March 2025 – 6pm**

Attendees: (ZW) – Deputy Manager
(KA) – PPG Member
(DW) – PPG Member
(AG) – PPG Member
(DC) – PPG Member
(SB) – PPG Member
(LH) – PPG Member
(CM) – PPG Member
(BC) – PPG Member

Apologies: (KR) – Practice Manager

1 Welcome & Apologies

It was lovely to welcome to CM and BC to the group. Both gave a brief introduction of their background to the group. CM is involved in quite a few local community groups and BC is the local Councillor.

BC asked how long the PPG had been running. ZW advised it has been running for approximately 15 years or more.

ZW passed on the sad news about the passing of one of our previous members Paul. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

2 Staffing Update

ZW advised that there will be a changeover of doctors over the next few weeks due to rotation changes in the training program as follows:

Leavers:	Joiners:
Dr Victor Chibiko – ST3	Dr Samuel Leung – F2 – 4 month rotation
Dr Daniel Aje – SST3	Dr Zahra Imtiaz – ST3 – 8 month rotation
	Dr Macgee Ezeokenwa – ST3 – 12 month rotation
	Dr Evarist Ogbu – ST3 – 12 month rotation
	Dr Odeh Lizkerry – ST3 – 12 month rotation

ZW gave a brief overview of the training program and the levels within the program.

Sadly Lauren and Wioletta have left the Reception Team. We have two new starters Joana and Tracy. Both appear to be settling in well.

3 NHS Pilot Update

ZW advised that the pilot scheme appears to be running well. It has changed slightly in that it is now a “First Presentation Clinic” as opposed to an “Acute Hub”, which was originally planned. The

service is being run across the PCN and all 4 practices within the PCN can refer their patients into this Nurse Practitioner led clinic. This is allowing GP appointments to be freed up to focus on more longer term, complex care patients.

4 CDC Update

ZW gave an update on the new Community Diagnostic Centre on Belvoir Street that is now up and running. Some members gave details of their experiences at the CDC and how efficient it all was.

5 FENO Analyser – Fund Raising

New guidance suggests that using a FeNO machine to diagnose asthma is much more efficient. ZW advised that the Practice has been involved in a research study where we have been provided with a FeNO analyser to diagnose patients and Nurse H had found this very useful. The ICB are stating that practices now need to offer this as a service but as yet, no funding has been provided towards the cost of the machine, which is approximately £2,000. ZW asked if the PPG had any views on raising some PPG funds to use towards the cost of the machine.

All seemed very keen with this. ZW to provide further information on the machine to BC and DW, who may be able to discuss with local businesses.

ZW to double check this with KR on her return from leave and with Nurse H, to see if we could maybe run a tombola at the next flu/covid clinic.

6 Any Other Business

Discussions were held during the meeting around the difficulties that local pharmacies are having with regards to drugs shortages and the impact that this is having on their ability to run efficiently. BC advised that Lincoln University is hoping to set up a Pharmacist Training Court to help with the shortage of pharmacists.

During the meeting BC stated that some money has been granted to improve and invigorate the local area. She asked if members had any ideas they would like raising. A soft play area for children was mentioned along with the ability of re-opening the leisure centre.

7 Date of Next Meeting

To be held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 6pm.