

Whitley Bay Health Centre
Patient Participation Group
Minutes 16th June 2025 18:30pm

In attendance:

Practice staff	Patient Group (names protected)		
Dr E Davidson	JI	MM	DC
Dr D Marr	WH	HP	
Dr SJ Pearson	JC	AK	
Susan			

Apologies:

Dr D Colvin	HC
Dr L Sayers	JS
Dr H Berry	
Dr H Harman	
DR C Ellis	

Agenda Items

Welcome and Housekeeping:

Susan Harrison introduced the GP's, herself and Becky Turnbull to the group, advising she was standing in for Jane Ball.

Susan advised there were no fire drills planned for the time of the meeting.

Building work:

The upcoming building work was discussed, Susan Harrison advised we are still going ahead with all of the planned works however we are unsure of a time scale. Unfortunately, this does not include the front door or the interior walls however we will report these and hope to have them fixed in the future.

Location Of District Nursing Team:

The district nursing team are being relocated to Shiremoor Resource centre. As this is a reoccurring theme Susan Harrison advised a letter from WH has been sent to the district nursing team advising we are against the move and further information. Susan Harrison provided a copy of the letter than has been sent to Lyndsay (Senior District Nurse) to all of the attending members of the patient participation group.

The members of the patient participation group expressed their concerns re this move such as patient care suffering and the attending GPs expressed their concerns such as loss of personal care and difficulties with communication when the district nurses are not in the building.

Patients discussed if doing a petition to keep the district nurses in the WH building would help, this was agreed by all as a potential help. Other suggestions were putting information on the website re the move, so patients are aware and also putting information at reception.

Shaping future meetings

Recruiting new members was discussed, we hope to recruit a few new members after the summer months as the next meeting is the 29th of September. The possibility of hybrid meeting was also discussed, Susan Harrison advised we do not have sufficient technology for this at the moment, but we will look into this.