



WHITLEY BAY HEALTH CENTRE  
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 18.30PM

In Attendance	Practice Members	Dr D W Colvin Dr J Pearson Dr L Sayers Dr H E Berry Dr H E Harman Dr D W Marr Dr C Ellis S Harrison (PM)
	Patient Members (Full names protected)	WH, JI, LB, AK, CB, JS, JL, JM, HP, MM, PB, LK, JA
Guest Speaker		Not applicable
Apologies received	Practice Members	

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and apologies.

Dr Colvin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the group.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Involvement

Peter ( patient) agreed to become Chair of the meeting. He declared a conflict in that he is related to one of the GP's at the practice. There were no objections to this and Peter was appointed Chair of the group and will take over from the next meeting.

Wendy (patient) agreed to become Heath Promoter for the group. There were no objections and Wendy will take over from the next meeting.

4. Virtual Members – Discussion about trying to get virtual members into the group.

These members could be contacted prior to and after each meeting to seek opinion and comment. There was some concern about virtual members, however SH gave assurance that this would be monitored. The group agreed that this would be a good addition to the group.

5. Continuity of Care

The practice are very proud of the continuity of care model that they work within at the practice. Dr Sayers is currently working with the ICB to promote this throughout North Tyneside. The practice have been approached by the University of Birmingham to participate in some research around the benefits of continuity of care.

Some members of the patient group have been invited to give some input into this research to.

6. Any Other Business

Wendy asked if there could be some space in the practice for the group to promote membership and also display some health promotion material. SH apologised for not responding to Wendy sooner and agreed that this was a good idea and could be facilitated.

Dr Colvin made the group aware that there was currently an attempt from Northumbria Healthcare to move the district nursing team out of Whitley Bay Health Centre and relocate them at Shiremoor Health Centre. The practice are opposed to this as they feel there is huge benefit to having the team based in the building. The patients agreed and Wendy offered to write a letter of support to keep the team at Whitley Bay. This was welcomed and Dr Colvin thanked the group for their support.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

**Date and time of next meeting – Monday 1<sup>6th</sup> September 2024 – PROVISIONAL DATE**  
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