



WHITLEY BAY HEALTH CENTRE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Minutes 23rd September 2024 18.30PM

In Attendance	Practice Members	Dr D W Colvin Dr J Pearson Dr D W Marr Dr C Davidson S Harrison (PM)
	Patient Members (Full names protected)	WH, HP, DC, PB, AK, MM
Guest Speaker		Not applicable
Apologies received	Practice Members	JA

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and apologies.

SH opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The practice appreciated the members ongoing participation and in particular, for attending meetings in adverse weather conditions such as tonight.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting were unopposed and recorded as a true record of the meeting.

3. Involvement

Chairing the meeting. SH chaired the meeting. A future date was agreed with PB to review the terms of reference for future meetings. PB will take over the chair at the next meeting.

4. Continuity of Care

NHS England are currently promoting the benefits of continuity in primary care. WBHC have always operated personalised lists at the practice. The practice believe that personalised lists offer patients continuity. North Tyneside Integrated Care Board (ICB) have asked WBHC to help promote this way of working with other practices in North Tyneside. Dr Sayers is leading on this and we have already had some interest from North Tyneside practices. The group discussed the patient benefits of seeing the same GP all the time. The group would be happy to be part of the promotion of this.

WH said she would like to nominate the practice for a General Practice Award. She thinks that the application needs to be completed by someone from the practice. SH has since looked into this and the applications are closed for this year. SH will re-visit this next year.

5. Flu/Covid Vaccination

SH informed the group that the practice are about to commence the seasonal flu vaccination campaign. The practice will be offering eligible patients a Covid vaccine at the same time. The uptake for vaccine has been great and most of the available vaccine appointments have been booked. Patients asked if the practice would be offering the new RSV vaccine. Dr Colvin advised that this is a vaccine we are able to offer at the practice. We do have some in stock and will be able to replenish stock as needed. The vaccine will be offered to patients aged 75-79 and also to pregnant women after 28 weeks.

6. Virtual Patient Group

SH apologised for not actively moving this forward. SH committed to moving this forward before the next meeting. Virtual group members would be invited to submit agenda items and offer comments on any agenda item.

7. GP Industrial Action

Dr Colvin informed patients that the BMA have voted for general practice to take industrial action against push backs into primary care. The recommendation from the BMA and LMC is that action should not have an impact on patient care but should push back secondary care work as this is unfunded in primary care. This will be monitored by the practice and guided by recommendations.

8. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

**Date and time of next meeting – Monday 24th February 2025 – PROVISIONAL DATE
SUBJECT TO WORKLOAD/CHANGES**