Sheepcot Medical Centre

Minutes of Virtual PPG Practice Meeting held on

Tuesday 26th March 2024, 1.30 pm-2.00 pm

Attendees:

Steve Macaulay (Chair), Sharon Carter, Andy Glodowski, Krysia Glodowska, Brenda Hall, Teresa Batchelor and Nikki Chamberlain.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were accepted. A medical news feed on the old website had not been carried forward. This may be because the website provider changed.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Dr Jackson, Jack Alvarez, Jyoti Gupta, Stephen Hill, Isabelle Holloway and Jan Pearcey.

3. Updates from the Practice

Interviews are currently underway for a Practice Nurse.

First Contact Physiotherapists are available at the surgery 2 days a week. Muscular skeletal services are available through an NHS provider, Circle Health, from 1st April. The previous provider was Connect Health. Because of the changeover, there is currently a 10-week wait.

Sheepcot is an Accredited Veterans Practice. Any military veteran can receive enhanced services through this scheme.

4. Patient appointments -update

The system is currently working as planned.

5. Spring Covid Booster programme

The details of a Spring vaccine booster programme from the surgery will be available shortly for targeted groups. If required, the PPG is available to assist in any way possible.

6. Sheepcot patient communications

The number of patients failing to attend without letting the surgery know has increased recently. A poster and information announcement will publicise the negative effects of missed appointments and aim to get these numbers down.

7. Any Other Business

Andy had seen locally some discussion about Vine House surgery possibly moving. No information was available on this.

8. Future Meeting

Steve will hold discussions with Teresa and Nikki to fix a new meeting date, probably in April, and communicate with members.