

Draft Minutes of the VSG PPG – Wider Group - (by Zoom), held on 19 January 2021 at 6.30pm

Present:

Esther Sadler-Williams (Chair), Clare Marsh (Vice Chair), Terri Hull (Secretary), Denise Chilton, Sheila Caddy, Sheila Sheen, Suzy Leaman, Ian Waddington, Iain Cameron, John Roberts, Nikki Roseblade, Mags Roseblade, Anne Dawson, Nigel Mitton, Stephen Hornby, Wendy Bell, Jan Fereday Smith

Apologies

Trevor Ferrigno, David Hughes

Esther welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year

1. Approval of Minutes

The PPG Minutes of 15 December 2020 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

Covered elsewhere in this Meeting.

3. Update from the Rural Alliance Chairs

Esther reported that 6 Chairs had met on 19 January.

There had been a request from one of the Tarporley Doctors to create a FAQs Section re: Covid. There was some scepticism because of national viz-a-viz local comments and because information is constantly changing. Nikki advised that she had a few questions banked that had been asked by patients earlier in the pandemic. There was some discussion regarding the very lengthy procedural requirements to get involved as vaccinators (*reference the experience of the new Chair from Kelsall*).

Some discussion had taken place regarding a single 'RA Website' across the 6 practices and to 'watch this space' re: updates. Chris (new IT colleague) was to manage the sites, base it on the VSG Website, whilst leaving the VSG Website intact and untouched. Nikki reported that she had not received any news on this – a comment that it could be a repository for Covid news.

4. Update on Playlist for Life.

Denise was thanked for her work on this. She reported that she had received 10 responses and that there would be a 'multiple choice teaser' at the end of the meeting. In any event, Esther confirmed that we would revisit this topic during the Dementia Awareness/Action Week 15-23 May, 2021 (*note slight change of date*)

5. Survey Team – plans?

The Spring 2021 Survey was contextualised for the wider members of the group who were in attendance (*i.e. postponed because of Covid but that it is being rolled out in the Spring*). Sheila Caddy reported that the Survey Group (Mags, Suzy, Ian Waddington and Sheila) were meeting on 20 January, at which time the final tweaks would be implemented and that the Survey Group would report back to the February PPG Meeting.

The Extended Hours Service was briefly discussed since a question relating to this is currently in the spring Survey. Since the Extended Hours Service is limited during the pandemic, it was felt that the question might be tweaked as follows '*Are you aware that in normal circumstances (ie outside of the Covid pandemic), you can access the Extended Hours Service*'.

6. 'Wednesday Wisdom' and Newsletter Updates

There was unanimous agreement that Covid priorities were currently more important. Members of the PPG were acutely aware of the undue stress and demands being placed on VSG staff currently. Clare has a detailed list of topics for future use. It was agreed that these should be 'parked' until April 2021 at the earliest.

7. Update on Covid-19 Vaccinations

Nikki shared key milestones with us:

- 2 deliveries of the Pfizer vaccine had been received
- We had received our weighted average
- All over 80 year olds who could attend Cheshire View have been vaccinated
- 100 of the +80 year old footfall who are either housebound or have no means of getting to Cheshire View, will be vaccinated in their homes (with the AstraZeneca Vaccine).
- Thereafter, the vaccine will be rolled out in line with government guidance
- The over 70 year olds will be split with 75-79 year olds being called first, followed by the 70-74 year olds.

There was consensus that the logistical exercise involved in vaccine delivery was extremely efficient and that there had been many congratulatory comments – a positive and heartfelt letter from a patient was shared with the group. Some questions were raised regarding rate of decline, efficacy, the issue of a Coronavirus Vaccine Card, the need to continue to follow government lockdown restrictions and the 'Hands, Face, Space' guidance even when one has had the vaccine etc. Terri and Nikki would continue to populate up-to-date information on both Tattenhall Online and the VSG Facebook page, reinforcing the above milestones etc.

8. Updates/News from the Practice.

- Our new Advanced Nurse Practitioner started (phased) on 4 January which is exceptionally good news.
- The VSG is advertising for a part time Medical Receptionist

9. AOB

- It was raised how widely the NHS 111 First Service is being used in this area – to be investigated.
- Jan (a member of the wider PPG group) questioned whether she could be advised of the roles of the PPG members – Esther/Clare confirmed the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and confirmed that we have rotated these roles, and that from our wider team, some members have been on sub-Groups e.g. Survey Group. VSG staff are also in attendance and occasionally Dr Siddorn attends.
- Denise ran the Dementia Playlist Multiple Choice Quiz (seamlessly!!) – great fun! Denise was thanked for all her work on this and it was agreed that this was something upon which we should build for the future.

10. Next Meeting

- PPG Committee 16 February 2021 and
- Wider PPG 20 April 2021.