

Minutes of the VSG PPG AGM (by ZOOM) held on

12 October 2021 at 6.30pm

Present: Esther Sadler-Williams (Chair), Clare Marsh (Vice Chair), Terri Hull (Secretary), Trevor Ferrigno, Mags Roseblade, Nikki Roseblade, Sheila Caddy, Ian Cameron, Ian Waddington, Anne Dawson, Jan Fereday-Smith, David Williams

- 1. Welcome and Introduction:** David Williams was welcomed to the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** Gill Jones, Suzy Leaman, John Proudlove, Denise Chilton, Wendy Ball.
- 3. Approval of AGM Minutes held on 20 October 2020 and Matters Arising:** Approved. There were no matters arising.
- 4. Chair's Report (2020-2021):** The Chair's Report outlined our achievements in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic and against a backcloth of increasing frustration and abuse from a small minority of patients. Esther stressed that our PPG is lucky to have the support of such a terrific team at the Practice. She also outlined some of the likely issues and objectives which our PPG will continue to champion as we move forward under a new Chair and Vice Chair. Thanks were also extended to Clare and the entire Practice Team in navigating what continues to be the worst pandemic that the country has faced. Esther also commented that the PPG would continue to work closely with the Rural Alliance. The PPG extended its very best wishes to Dr Siddorn.

Chair's Report is attached.
- 5. Future Objectives and Questions from the Floor:** In the hope that we can move forward and co-exist with Covid, it was agreed that good communications; continued promotion and use of Patient Access and a younger demographic were priorities for the future. Jan asked what the Practice might want from us, acknowledging that we are the 'critical friend'.
- 6. Election of Officers:** Voting took place in the election of new officers.

Chair: Denise Chilton (unanimous)

Vice Chair: Mags Roseblade (unanimous)

Secretary: Since no-one expressed an interest to take on the role of Secretary, Terri offered to continue in this role until January 2022 (unanimous)
- 7. Annual Review of Constitution:** In line with previous discussions, the motion to extend the PPG membership from 20-24 individuals was unanimously agreed.

It was noted that Sheila Sheen had informed the group that she would step down from the Committee with immediate effect (thanks were extended to Sheila for her inputs throughout).

It was also noted that Ian Cameron was stepping down from the Committee but that he be kept on the mailing list since he may attend some future meetings (our thanks to Ian for his inputs too)

8. AOB: There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 19.02.