

LEYBURN MEDICAL PRACTICE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE 2019-22

MEMBERSHIP

Your Committee members during this period have been Nigel Watson (Chair), June Stancombe (Vice-Chair), David Bolam, Geoff Linehan, Sue Medley, Eileen Clarkson, Judy Metcalfe, Lorraine Reid and Pat Lee. June Stancombe has also been our secretary. Nigel Watson and June Stancombe are standing down this year.

We are proposing to elect Eva Stone and Denise Houghton as new committee members, [n] as chair and [n] as vice-chair.

We are always looking for patient representatives to join the committee so if you are interested, do let a committee member or the practice manager, Alison Binks, know.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This brought to a halt face to face meetings and the postponement of AGMs until this year. However, from early 2020 until early this year the PPG Committee met regularly via Zoom.

The pandemic put unbelievable pressure on the practice as it did on every other aspect of our lives. The impact is well -known and our thanks are due to our doctors and other practice staff who worked tirelessly throughout this period to overcome obstacles and ensure patients received a continuing service. Most patients understood that this meant significant changes to the way things were done.

This was confirmed by the patient survey the PPG carried out during the summer of 2021 although the response rate was small. It was also confirmed when the practice, nominated by patients, won the Northern Echo GP Practice of the Year award in 2021.

THE PRACTICE TEAM

We are fortunate that the practice is now fully staffed. We were sorry to lose the services of Dr Ashcroft and managing partner Stephen Brown but we welcomed Dr Shanmugam, Dr Bell, Dr Fox and Dr Jamieson to the practice while Alison Binks has taken over as practice manager. We now also have a full nursing team and the services of social prescribers.

Nigel Watson, Chair

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