

Leyburn Medical Practice PPG

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Practice on Tues 18 Oct at 16.30

Attendance

Sue Medley (SM/Chair), Nigel Watson (NW), David Bolam (DB), Denise Houghton (DH), Eva Stone (ES), Judy Metcalfe (JM), Geoffrey Linehan (GL); Alison Binks (AB/Practice Manager), Debra Smith (DS/Nurse Manager).

Apologies

June Stancombe, Eileen Clarkson.

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 August were approved with the correction that Alison Binks is Practice Manager.

Correspondence

Information received included a post-cancer survey which GL had completed.

DB referred to the relocation of the ambulance station from Richmond to improved facilities in Catterick.

Covid

AB referred to the vaccination clinic the following Saturday. The practice team had been administering vaccines to the house-bound and immobile. The limited number of vaccines (approx. 2,000 doses) were being prioritised as follows – house-bound; assisted living; O75 and immune-suppressed; those unable to travel. There was frustration that district nurses are no longer permitted to administer vaccines.

Monitoring Practice Performance

The practice team had been distributing information leaflets on the practice to patients and to the local pharmacy.

The waiting time for appointments had spiked latterly from 2-3 weeks to 3-4 weeks.

The practice was fully staffed currently.

Presentation by Debra Smith, Nurse Manager

Debra Smith spoke about her role in the practice. Qualifying in 1997, she became a nurse practitioner in 2001 and joined the Leyburn practice in 2008. She has been lead practice nurse for the last 3-4 years. As well as her clinical role – she is the lead for cardio-vascular, hypertension and respiratory issues – she also manages the practice nursing team, including two nurse practitioners, an advanced health care assistant, an in-training health care assistant, two phlebotomists and a diabetic nurse. 'We have a fantastic team here,' she said. She deals with approx.

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100 daily blood test results, 50 daily blood tests and 50+ weekly patients. She also noted that the Friarage Hospital now supports the practice in carrying out blood tests requested by the hospital for patients. Such patients are encouraged to book their test as soon as they receive notice from the hospital.

Raising Awareness

SM with Lisa has refreshed the notice boards and SM has also reviewed the leaflets.

A speaker from the ICS was recommended to come to a future meeting.

The PPG FB page has approx. 190 followers, 85% being women.

JM praised the practice pharmacy for their work.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the practice on Tues 13 Dec at 16.30 when mince pies will be provided!