

PPG Meeting 7th July 2025

Attendees

Julie Walsh – Practice Manager

Jayne Ackland - Office Manager

Anne Cunningham – PPG Member

Judith Fryer – PPG Member

Diana Scott-Cross – PPG Member

Glennys Sanders – PPG Member

Tony Rose – PPG Member

Tony Cable – PPG Member

Apologies

Sarah Tonge – PPG Member

Caroline Morrice – Chairperson

Minutes

JW opened the meeting and started with the minutes of the last meeting; they were agreed by all attendees.

Discussion

The group discussed Anima, how it works in the surgery. What the process is with the huddle. It was commented that book own appointment system has some downfalls. JW advised that she was having a meeting on Thursday with Anima to iron out problems. JF mentioned that her request was not done properly, and JW said she will investigate this, JF also advised that her husband request was asked to be reraised the next day.

It was asked why we had stopped using Ask My GP and JW advised that as they only run one system, and we need to run 2 systems the NHS England team no longer funded 2.

We discussed the Pharmacy First service that the government have funded to relieve pressure on GP's and that they can treat 7 conditions

Sinusitis for over 12-year-olds

Sore Throat for over 5-year-olds

Ear problems for 1- to 17-year-olds

Insect bites for over 1 yr olds

Impetigo for over 1-year olds

Shingles for over 18-year-olds

UTI's for females 16 to 64 Year Olds

Updates from the Practice

Dr Ryder has now retired, and Dr Wiseman is now the Partner for the practice. Dr Wood starts in August, and she has a wealth of experience as a GP.

Jo Callow is due to retire in November and Wendy Bee retires on Christmas Eve.

Advised that from August we have 3 doctors, 2 of which do 4 days a week and 1 does 2 days a week.

The question was asked if we will be taking on Physician Associates and we advised that we will not be taking any on.

It was then discussed what the Advanced Nurse Practitioners could do and what the GP's can do, the only thing a GP can do and not the ANP is a death certificate.

Treatment room services are now back and running very smoothly.

It was suggested that the radio be removed from the waiting room due to the conflict of noise from the television. JA removed next morning.

The covid vaccine uptake was good this time and exceeded what the surgery expected. Also, the smoking cessation uptake was good and patients that have attended have managed to stop smoking.

Core contract set by the NHS is to see a doctor for illness and childhood immunisations everything else is funded by the surgery.

Weight Loss injection

From 1st June weight loss injections are available on the NHS but there is criteria and patients have to have a BMI over 40 and have 4 of the listed conditions.

BMI Thresholds • ≥ 40

• ≥ 37.5 for individuals from South Asian, Chinese, other Asian, Middle Eastern, Black African, or African-Caribbean backgrounds of the listed comorbidities must have 4 or more:

- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Hypertension
- Dyslipidaemia (High Cholesterol)
- cardiovascular disease
- Obstructive sleep apnoea (needing equipment)

We done a search of our patients and only have 2 eligible for the injection, but it is still not commissioned by the Integrated Care Board for us to prescribe.

We are going to ask Dr Wiseman, Karen Turner (Lead Nurse) and Sally (Neighbourhood coordinator) to come to the next meeting to discuss what services are offered.

Social Media Presence

JW advised that Dr Agata has set up a page on Facebook called Friends of Ruskington Medical Practice to promote the surgery.

JF raised about more positive posts on Facebook and scheduled posts, she agreed to come in and sit with JW.

Upcoming Events

Summer Fete/drop-in centre/Coffee Morning on 6th September asked if JW/JA can attend, advised we will check our diaries.

It was also suggested that we have a presence at local group to represent the Surgery such as Parish Council (Next meeting is 9th September and if want to attend email: - (clerk@ruskington-pc.gov.uk), Women's Institute, Andy's Man Club, Veteran's breakfast.

Dispensary updates

JW showed the group the new dosette trays that can be issued by Newton Pharmacy and that this is available to all patient that need assistance with their medications.

LG the Dispensary Manager has requested that if we could spread the message that please only order the medication you require as we have received a lot of medication back that the date has

expired on it and must be destroyed. Once medication has been prescribed if not used can not be re-issued to someone else.

Next Meeting

To be held on Monday 20th October at 18.30 at the surgery.