

Notes & Actions from Preston Park PPG Meeting 20 April 2021

Attended: David Bowden, Alasdair Buchan, Janak Chauhan, Andy Cheng, Heniz Kalkbrenner, Barbara Loman, Mark Richardson, Wendy Twigger.

Apologises: Yvonne Rivers, Chris Tredgold.

Report by Janak Chauhan (Practice Manager)

Surgery:

- The surgery staff have all been vaccinated and take regular Lateral Flow Tests
- Vaccinations are now available at the Race Course for the 45+ patients
- More patients are now contacting the surgery and some are getting more demanding (mainly 30-50 year olds). There have been some unhappy comments on NHS Choices
- On-line bookings expected to restart soon
- There are plans for the surgery to increase the number of face-to-face appointments
- Best time to get through is Friday which is the best resourced day (staff, etc)
- GP bookings: am: 5 pre-bookings/day/GP. Rest on the day bookings
pm: 3 pre-bookings/day/GP. Rest on the day bookings
- **ACTION: Janak** to see if the tel. answering message can be simplified/shortened
- **ACTION: Janak** to enquire about process for mental health referrals
- **ACTION: Janak** to find out how the average daily no of visitors to the PP website
- Flu vaccinations to start probably in August – possibly at St Augustine's

Our PCN:

- A Social Prescriber is in post 1 day/week
- A Pharmacy Technician has been recruited to add to the existing 3 Pharmacists
- 2 GPs in the PCN support Care homes for 1 day/week
- The PCN will be looking to appoint GPs to support 'frailty' and mental health

Report by Mark Richardson on PPG Network Meeting 14/4/2021

- The election of a new chair did not take place as no one stood for election. Existing chair agreed to stay on.
- 70-90% of 50+ age group vaccinated. Variation take-up across city e.g. Preston Park 82%, Brunswick 70%
- Local Public Health making major effort to reach the 'hard to find' (e.g. rough sleepers) including ambulances in car parks and other public spaces, special 'quiet' vaccination venues (e.g. for those with learning difficulties), talks to groups such as homeless, BAME organisations
- The Brighton Centre will start Moderna vaccinations in May
- Hugo Luck (Deputy Director Primary Care at Sussex CCGs) gave a view of the Feb 2021 white paper. Very high level promoting integration of health care, social care and voluntary sector. CCGs to disappear and replaced by larger Integrated Care Systems (Brighton, West Sussex, East Sussex). No mention of PPGs or patient involvement but many mentions of PCNs. Probably down to lower levels how to involve patients although having a PPG is still part of the General Medical Services Contract. There is a King's Fund summary of the White Paper here:
<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/health-social-care-white-paper-explained>

Date of Next Preston Park PPG Meeting : 20 July 2021