

Brighton & Hove PPG Network meeting

Notes and Actions

Date: Wednesday 14 April 2021

Time: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Location: Virtual Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present:

Martyn Yeats	Chair
James Hatch	Brighton & Hove CCG Public Involvement Officer
Lilly Kennard	Brighton & Hove CCG Public Involvement Manager
Sophie Reilly	Healthwatch Brighton & Hove
Lloyd Ungoed	PPG Network member
Michael Whitty	Withdean
Eileen Fierheller	Saltdean & Rottingdean
Eve Chandler	PPG Network Member
Henriette Hardiman	Beaconsfield
Maureen Copeland	Portslade
Susan Carnochan	Woodingdean
Pauline Young	PPG Network Member
Mark Richardson	Preston Park Surgery
Fabia Brackenbury	PPG Network Member
Val Cane	Park Crescent Healthcare
Nick Goslett	Links Road Surgery
Sunita Shier	St Peter's Medical Centre
Sylvia New	Wish Park Surgery
Becky Woodiwiss	Public Health
Hugo Luck	Sussex CCGs

Apologies:

Denise Miller

Item ref	Item description	Action Number
1.	Welcome and Apologies	
1.1.	MY opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking for a minutes silence to remember Neill Vinter who very sadly passed away recently. We have worked with Neill for some years and he has given so much of his time to the NHS on various programmes of work, including as a Community Ambassador, as a leading light for the Bee-ing Well in the City initiative and the founder and Chair of Saltdean and St Luke's PPG. We will really miss his input, knowledge and expertise.	
2.	Last meeting updates	
	<p>Notes were agreed as an accurate representation.</p> <p>Bee-ing Well in the City event</p> <p>It has now been decided to leave this event to the end of the year when we know where we are with Covid. This will be added to an agenda in the Autumn.</p> <p>It was agreed that Fran McCabe (Access to GPs), Andy Hodson and Jeremy Leggatt, would come back later in the year.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>MC reported that Portslade has not been able to meet as a PPG due to technical issues. Looking forward to meeting the new Practice Manager.</p> <p>Action: JH to send on messages to Practice Managers</p> <p>Action: JH to send copy of last meetings notes to PPG members.</p>	
3.	CCG Public Involvement & Communications updates	
	<p>LK updated the group about the mobile vaccination centres across the city, which are converted ambulances providing drop-in services for people to receive their first jab. They are going to geographical areas where there is low uptake, or where people want a quiet environment such as those with a learning disability, those who require translation or have anxiety in crowded and noisy spaces. For example Goldstone and Brunswick are areas of low uptake, which has been a targeted area of the city for the mobile units to visit.</p> <p>LK asked for any ideas for where these mobile services could be based, suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Somewhere that has a car park, in the outskirts? There are currently quite a few open slots. - King Alfred car park on seafront - Sports Centre in Mile Oak - Hanover Community Centre - Halfway up Southover Street - has bus service and a dense community. 	

- Asda in Hollingbury
- Withdean Stadium with its good bus routes and lots of space.
- Waitrose car park, Hove

LK confirmed that the CCG is really working through the first cohorts before we move onto the second. Supermarkets have been really helpful in allowing us to use their carparks. People over 45 can now access their jabs.

Black Asian and Minority Ethnic groups and communities are currently the subject of a focused piece of engagement work with a number of organisations coming together to help increase vaccination uptake. This is due to the vaccine hesitancy in this group.

LK confirmed that people will receive their 2nd jab within 12 weeks. If you haven't heard by 11 weeks contact your GP.

SR asked whether the CCG is working with the Deaf community. LK confirmed that the CCG has been working with Deaf-led organisations DeafCog and SURDI.

4. Chair voting process and improving the opportunity

MY confirmed that he has now completed three years in post as Chair and has put forward to all PPG members as to whether anyone else would like the opportunity to take over the chair role. However, no other members have put themselves forward for the role, so the voting process will not take place today.

HH suggested that at the moment it would be difficult for any new Chair taking over due to restrictions. MR also felt that now is not the time for this change as surgeries are overwhelmed. MC and Eve stated that they are happy for things not to change. MW would welcome the opportunity but not at this time and so would like to see MY continue in the role.

There seems to be a consensus that MY is to continue as chair for the next 6 months until another round of applications can take place to find a replacement chair.

MY thanked the group for their confidence in his role as chair, however we will be looking towards the end of the year to have a new chair in the role.

Discussion on how to attract new members to the Network

MR asked whether a high profile CCG person such as Andy Hodson may encourage more participants. MY responded that he will contact Tom Gurney, the Comms and Public Involvement Director to ask whether he will come to the group on a regular basis.

SC asked whether each practice could give a short summary of what they have been doing. MY said that there were differing views on it so it was stopped. This could be revisited, but some people may not want to. We don't always get to problem solve with each other and so it could be a good process.

VC feels that the meetings are too long with no sense of urgency. PY agreed and asked whether meetings could be more frequent. Lloyd agreed that he would prefer shorter more frequent meetings.

HH asked whether the group could have a vice chair so one can ease into the role?

	<p>HH also asked whether any questions from PPGs could be added to the agenda. NG stated that if a PPG have done something innovative it would be good to hear about it. He also added that PPGs need to have the attention of the Practice Manager.</p> <p>MY summed up and stated that future meetings should be two hours however can't promise more frequent meetings. He thanked the group for their robustness.</p> <p>ACTION: Invite Andy Hodson/Tom Gurney to a future PPG Network meeting</p> <p>ACTION: Look into holding shorter meetings perhaps more frequently (suggested as 2 hour meetings)</p> <p>ACTION: Hold more space for PPGs to give updates on their activity</p>	
5.	<p>Public Health Vaccination Data and the Mobile Vaccination Service update</p> <p>Beck Woodiwiss, Public Health Principal for Brighton & Hove Public Health attended to provide information on the vaccination programme across the city.</p> <p>See the PowerPoint document below for the full presentation:</p>  <p>PPG Vax webinar slides 14Apr21.pptx</p> <p>Q&A with Becky Woodiwiss:</p> <p>FB asked if you had a bad reaction to the first vaccination, do you get one with the second vaccination? BW recommended to check with the GP or vax centre. Any extreme reaction should be reported to your Surgery.</p> <p>SC asked about housebound patients hearing about second jab? BW suggested checking the extensive FAQ's on the Sussex Health and Care Partnership (SCHP) website. Second doses should start in the next week. LK added that you can also check with the Sussex vaccination enquiries team on 0800 433 4545 or phone the National Helpline on 119.</p> <p>SS wondered how much is known about how many people have and haven't received the jab? Where does the information come from and what is this based on? BW responded that everyone is working very hard to ensure the data is accurate and up to date but because there are two systems, the national one and the GP-led one, there can be a delay when systems are catching up. Your vaccination is recorded using your NHS number. If you have doubts whether your vaccination has been recorded, it might be worth checking with your GP.</p> <p>SS also asked what practices and PPGs should be doing to encourage people to take up the vaccination. BW said that some practices and an organisation called HERE are individually ringing people but the biggest issue has been that people don't pick up unknown numbers. BW suggested that putting information in newsletters would be helpful and also having conversations with local groups.</p> <p>BW said that the slides will be shared with LK, and that people should also visit the Public Health and SCHP websites for more information.</p>	
6.	<p>Comfort break</p>	

7	Government White Paper for the reform of the NHS in England & what this means for PPGs	
	<p>Hugo Luck, Associate Director for Primary Care at Brighton & Hove CCG</p> <p>There are now three CCGs instead of seven.</p> <p>The government is promoting integrating with social care, local government and the voluntary sector. There is a Sussex-wide model that will transform services locally. CCG's will no longer exist. However there will be a body which commissions services. There is a clear steer for Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and what they should look like, this includes a primary care presence although we do not yet know what this will look like. There has been a lot of change over the last six or seven years that has been GP led, eg. The Golden Ticket (dementia) in High Weald Lewes and Havens and Better Beginnings (maternity). We would not want to lose the real clinical leadership that has been so effective but do not know yet what this will look like.</p> <p>The aim is to build a partnership between ICS and the three Local Authorities (LAs). There will remain three place-based plans, East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove. The model in West Sussex may be very different to Brighton & Hove due to the needs of the population. There is a lot of high-level information and it is a real challenge for primary care and the CCGs. The CCG must be careful not to lose the patient involvement that has been achieved and must build on it to make it better.</p> <p>Q&A</p> <p>MW asked who is championing PPGs. HL – I've not seen anything in the White Paper about PPGs, this will lay at the local level with GPs.</p> <p>MY reminded the group that patients are influential, not only through PPGs – such as Community Ambassadors, Community Champions and other engagement mechanisms / patient representation.</p> <p>PY asked what the relationship will be between PCNs and the new ICS. HL responded that some PCNs are further ahead than others in their formation, however their involvement is written into the White paper. The pyramid structure is GP, PCN, Place, ICS.</p> <p>FB asked whether Community Ambassadors should be included within PCNs. HL responded that PCNs still need to decide what public involvement they need within them. They are self-governing and therefore CCGs have no power there.</p> <p>MY said that vaccination centres have been heavily reliant upon volunteers to keep them going and that this has done a lot to enhance the involvement of patient involvement. Joint financing and budgets was an attempt to get health and social care, and local authorities working together. Is this another attempt to get closer working and will it work? HL feels that this is nearer than it has been before, East and West Sussex councils are now working better together, East Sussex Better Together was working well and was definitely a start. Work together with Health and Social Care was demonstrated last year with shielded patients. There is a disparity between NHS treatment being free at point of contact whereas Social Services is means tested and this needs to be reconciled.</p> <p>SS asked about the timescale. HL responded that this is very clear in the white</p>	

	<p>paper. The first part is to be delivered by April 2021 (the ceasing of CCGs). However it needs to be in shadow form by October this year.</p> <p>HL informed the group that they are welcome to email at hugo.luck@nhs.net and he will get back to you.</p> <p>MY asked if the video could be shared within the group. HL agreed as long as it is not shared any wider. This is to be discussed further outside the meeting.</p> <p>MY invited HL to come back anytime, our next meeting is in July.</p>	
8.	PPG development planning across Brighton & Hove	
	<p>LK asked people to email if they wish to be involved in this.</p> <p>ACTION: Members to email LK/JH if they require a meeting</p>	
9.	Any Other Business	
	<p>MR asked whether anyone would be comfortable to re-engage with the PPG website for discussion between meetings.</p> <p>ACTION: A link will be sent from MR to the group.</p>	
	Date of next meeting: 14th July 2021, 1.30pm – 3.30pm	