**Stokenchurch Patient Group**

**Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 19.00**

**Stokenchurch Medical Centre, Stokenchurch**

**Present**: Irene Randal (Chairman) IR, Richard Rivett RR (Vice Chair) Camilla Baker CB, Linda Lewins LLe, Heather Harbord HH, Louise Long LLo, Tricia Newbury TN, , Roger Hagon, RH, Martin Elliott ME, Claire Walker CW

**1. Welcome: IR welcomed everyone**

**2. Apologies**: Valerie Jenkinson VJ Matthew Jennings MJ

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on January 30th 2024**.

The minutes were approved as a true record by those present.

**4. Matters Arising:**

**Pharmacy First:** Rowlands are up and running now as a Pharmacy First Pharmacy and are currently having a re-fit. It was also confirmed that the Pharmacies at Chinnor, Thame and Asda are operating as Pharmacy First. A full list can be obtained by Googling “Pharmacy First Registered Pharmacies”

**Spring Covid Vaccine Booster:** No information yet but likely to be in early summer. Volunteers may be needed to assist at the SMC sessions.

**Flu Vaccine:** It is likely that the Flu Vaccine will be delayed until October.

**5. Health Awareness Initiative**

Sessions have been organised by LLo at Ibstone and Radnage Schools with a session at Stokenchurch School taking place on 20th March after this meeting. LLo, HH, Lle and IR attended where Paramedic Ronnie Robertson spoke about children’s minor ilnesses. Although not well attended the feeling was that the events went well and that future events would be better supported once word get around.

**6. Community Café**

LLo reported about the initiative been run by John Lewis but attendees had to pay for their coffee. It was felt that a local site would be better for Stokenchurch and CB agreed to talk to Vickie Nuttal to see if it was something she might be able to help with in the Café on the Common. RR agreed to contact Alan Purslow to also see if it is something that Day Centre could be involved with.

ME confirmed that the surgery would contribute £100.00 for tea/coffee vouchers and would arrange to have the vouchers designed.

LLo mentioned the Chatty Café [Chatty Cafe Scheme UK – Chatty Cafe Scheme UK (thechattycafescheme.co.uk)](https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/) which maybe useful in setting up a Stokenchurch option.

**7. Practice Manager’s Report**

ME confirmed that Adeel Tariq had decided to stay at SMC which is good news.

Dr Ben Chisolm has experience in training GPs and therefore it is planned to take two newly qualified doctors who are interested in becoming GPs from the Oxford University Medical School to give them on the job training at SMC. Their salaries will be met by the Oxford Medical School. To facilitate this it is proposed to convert the Polyclinic into two small consulting rooms.

ME reported that the Private Practice run by Dr Ollie Large was working well and providing income for SMC.

He also confirmed that the Breast Screening unit would be leaving on 2nd April. It had been very well attended.

**8. Practice Website:** IR reported that she was seeing Sarah Shepherd on 19th April to discuss having an SPG section on the new SMC website.

**9. New Committee Member.** Richard Cairns who had previously been a member of the committee has expressed an interest at re-joining on his return to the area. RR confirmed that he had been a proactive participant but had to resign due to family commitments in Wales. LLo said she knew of someone else who had expressed interest and would check if she is still interested.

**10. Next Health Awareness Sessions.** This will focus on the Chatty Coffee sessions and take the minor illnesses session into local toddlers groups.

**Dates of next meetings.**

30th April, 11th June, 17th September and 12th November (to include the AGM)

**10. A.O.B.:**

**There was no other business**

IR thanked everyone for coming and their input and the meeting closed at 20.15.