

Firsway Health Centre

Patient Participation Group

Notes of the meeting held on 6th May 2021 at 5pm, via Zoom

Present: Mike Chidgey
David Howling
Georgina Jameson
Louise Morgan
Paula Lea

Apologies: Malcolm Howells
Lynne Morris

All welcomed to the meeting and thanks extended to Mike for facilitating via his Zoom account.

1) Apologies

Malcolm Howells
Lynne Morris

2) Matters arising from previous meeting

Clarity on recruitment, we are looking to recruit 8 sessions not 8 GP's

3) Friends and Family Feedback

Average is 92% positive feedback but does vary a little month on month.
All negative feedback is followed up.

4) Covid Vaccination Update

Trafford CCG are commissioning additional services via pharmacists.
Some practices in the UK are continuing to vaccinate cohorts 10-12.

The Sale Network was commissioned for Cohorts 1-9 and cohorts 10-12 are being commissioned by Trafford CCG on behalf of NHS England therefore these cohorts will need to book via the National Booking System.

The Network have completed vaccinations for all the vulnerable groups with around 95% take up in 70+ and 90% take up for 50+.

The last session for first dose vaccinations is Friday 7th May, with the aim to complete second doses by the end of June 2021. Arrangements are in place with the CCG for completing remaining second doses if any patients miss the end of June.

Question was raised in relation to mixing of the vaccines. The guidance recommends having the same dose however there are some circumstances when alternatives can be given.

There is no guidance currently available in relation to Booster Vaccinations.

In the week commencing 26th April on average we are receiving one positive Covid test result per day with none over 50 in the last week.

5) Practice Update

First Contact Practitioner Service is now available within the practice.

Orders for flu vaccines were placed in November 2020 based on last year's uptake rates. There is some concern that flu infections may rise in 2021 and will be monitored closely by NHS England.

Flu Clinics are likely to be planned from Mid-September 2021.

Staff are actively encouraged to complete lateral flow tests for Covid-19 twice per week with test kits available to all staff.

17th May see the start of national easing of Covid restrictions.

The practice will be resuming all face to face nurses appointments with the exception of Asthma which will be conducted as a telephone review.

Patients will still need to enter via the door entry system with distancing measures still in place.

AskMyGP on the day appointment system will continue with GPs continuing with the telephone triage system. Demand and capacity remain challenging and consideration is being given to various ways to improve appointments including extended hour re-introduced and patients to be able to book nurse appointments via online access.

6) Any Other Business

Request for PPG members to spread the word about appropriate service requests.

111 – A&E rules still apply.

7) Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 6th May 2021 at 5.00pm

Louise Morgan
Assistant Practice Manager
12th May 2021