

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th December 2023

1.	ATTENDANCE			
	Apologies : Madeleine Carrington, Fay Read, Jacqui Coleman, Sheila Dale, Jan Lloyd, Clive Robinson, Mark Wilson,			
	Present: Steve Bates, Christine Cartright; Elspeth Woods, Shona Manson, Sandra Whitehead, John Neale, Jane Hanlon, Judith Westell, Bob & Vanda Gould, Angela and Gordon Lovell, Hilary King, Bruce Battams, Mark Pitman, Dr Staten,			
2.	Speaker: No Speaker for this meeting.			
	NB – Angela mentioned the upcoming speaker, Fay from Cancer Care. Jane confirmed that there is now a chart maintained so that there is no confusion over dates going forward.			
3.	Suggestions for speakers to add to the 2024 list to be forwarded to Jan Lloyd			
4.	Minutes for November meeting approved.			
5.	GP Update: Dr Staten & Jane Hanlon	ACTIONS		
	Steve asked about drugs being available for prescribing in Europe and US that are not available here. Dr Staten explained different procedures through NICE and undoubtedly a cost consideration applied. Bruce asked a question about more private services being offered by GPs in general. Dr Staten said that it was highly unlikely that would be the case in RedHouse. Jane mentioned that there will be a lung screening programme for 55–74-year-old smokers/ex-smokers. Patients will be contacted by nurses from Redhouse to engage in the screening programme. It may involve low			
	density CT scan with results back to GP and likely to be in a mobile unit in ASDA/IKEA car park			
	PSA testing. CROWN have a contract to assist men who want testing. They can be tested; however, the contract involves more information to be made available to help men make an informed choice about scans/testing.			
	Telephone system contract has been signed and waiting for implementation date.	Update in January meeting		



Corkill Prize Update

Steve summarised the submissions for the three shortlisted surgeries. All were strong and have generated ideas that we might be able to look at in some form for ourselves – patient transport/befriending; podcasts; lobbying for new premises. Steve keen that we all think about what positive action we can take to get more actively involved in our patient community.

Ideas for projects that we can deliver

AOB

Jane mentioned Colleen whom she met at a meeting with Council Volunteers – Colleen to be invited to a future meeting, not to speak, but to see how we operate so that we can join forces where we can better serve wider community.

John asked that when speaking people be clear so that those who may be harder of hearing can hear clearly. Jane mentioned the hearing loop and it can be made available for the next meeting.

Steve presented Jane with a lovely rose as a thank you from the PPG for all her hard work and support of the PPG throughout the year.

Meeting was closed and we enjoyed a lovely Christmas party courtesy of the GPs in the practice. This is, as always, very much appreciated.

Next full PPG meeting – Monday 8th January 24 @ 6.15pm for 6.30pm start

Elspeth Woods Secretary to Red House PPG

Future PPG Dates for 2024 (2nd Monday of each month)

8 th January, 2024	12 th February	11 th March	8 th April
13 th May	10 th June	8 th July	12 th August
9 th September	14 th October	11 th November	9 th December