

Leatside Health Centre Patient Participation Group

Minute of meeting held
on Tuesday 12th August 2025
at Leatside Health Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Lamberton	Chairman
Rosemary Musgrave	Secretary
Maggie Harris	Treasurer
Angela Pearce	
Iain Norman	
Amanda Norman	
Sue Solway	
Spencer Wimbleton	Specialist guest

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Len Cunningham, Kay Gillow, Ruth Major, Dika Jewell, Kippy Jewell. Caroline Pugh and the Practice Partners

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 17th June were agreed as an accurate report of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

3. ACTION POINTS REVIEW

a) Contact with other PPGs by Iain – Invite a St Agnes PPG representative to a future meeting and vice versa –

Iain and Bob did not attend the meeting as planned. Iain intends to meet the St Agnes PPG representative for a chat over coffee instead

b) Caroline to tell us what equipment the surgery would like us to donate and tell the family who bequeathed money on behalf of relative what it has been spent on

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The surgery asked the PPG to donate a 24hour BP machine with a large cuff at a cost of £1461.35. This was approved. 24hour BP monitoring is an enhanced service and will generate income for the practice. Once purchased a photo will be taken and put on the noticeboard. The relatives who made the bequest will also be informed by the practice.

c) Rosemary to contact Will and ask him to put the Memory Cafe posters on the surgery website. The posters should also be put on the noticeboard

This has been done

d) Maggie will try to contact Sue Phillips from the Memory Café

Sue Phillips has contacted Maggie. It has been agreed that the Memory café will set up a stand at any future vaccination days.

e) Maggie to check that all members of the walking group thread want to stay included

This has been done. It was agreed that we need to recruit more members.

f) Discussion with Caroline about the possibility and benefit of having information stands, promoting health and wellbeing, available on the vaccination days.

Caroline was absent from the meeting so this action point was carried forward to the next meeting.

g) Rosemary to give Will Sue's email address so that he can liaise with her to sort out the Facebook page. Add to the Facebook content to include asking for donations for raffle and promotion of the walking group including pictures of previous walks

Will has been in contact with Sue and this is being dealt with.

h) Any progress in the recruitment of Veterans' and Carers' champions?

This will be carried forward to the next meeting when Caroline is present. In discussion it was suggested that there could be an advertisement on the surgery website. It

also appears that there are various veteran groups in the area including Veterans regroup and Not Forgotten which need to be publicised. In the meantime, Moira will be contacted again to see if there are any developments

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Maggie told us that there is £1,931.87 in the account, plus approximately £50 in book money collected before the meeting

5. FUTURE WALKS AND EVENTS

The next event is Redruth pasty festival on September 20th. It was agreed that the PPG would once more have a stall. A stand has already been booked and Maggie will pay the £15 fee.

The stand will follow the same, successful, format but we will also display some of the second-hand books usually on sale in the surgery waiting room

A provisional rota was agreed, to be confirmed nearer the date. Rosemary gave her apologies.

The Christmas light switch-on is November 29th. There was some discussion on how to generate more income on this day, "lucky dip gift bags" was one idea. This can be discussed at future meetings.

It was agreed that the next walk would be in Tehidy Country Park on 29th August

6. COMMUNICATION UPDATES

Due to holidays etc., there was no surgery representative at the meeting, so any communications, including vaccination days, are carried forward to the next meeting

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Mandy said that there was an e-mail in circulation from the Integrated Health Board inferring that there might be changes to the way that the surgeries were paid for blood tests. These changes would place the onus on the surgeries to claim payment in a different way, involving more work. It was agreed to ask Caroline about the implication of these changes at the next meeting
- b) Spencer, acting as a specialist guest speaker, told us that diabetes information within Cornwall and the promotion of the Diabetes UK charity is still inconsistent and very much dependent on good liaison with the surgeries. He stressed how daunting a diagnosis of Diabetes Type 2 can be to some patients, and many do not get the practical and emotional support that they need. It was agreed to ask the Leatside diabetic specialist nurse to come to talk to the group at a future meeting, and to make this an action point

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that meetings during August and December should be avoided.

To enable this to happen and to continue the two monthly cycle of meetings there will be an extra meeting in September.

Future meetings -

Tuesday 16th September

Wednesday 26th November

Tuesday 20th January

THE MEETING ENDED AT 19.40

ACTION POINTS

1. Contact with other PPGs by Iain – Iain to meet the St Agnes PPG representative to exchange ideas
2. Purchase of the 24- hour BP monitor, a picture of the handover to be put on the notice board and on the websites and a letter to be sent to the relative that made the bequest
3. Contact with Moira re the Veterans champion situation

ACTION POINTS TO BE CARRIED OVER AS AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

This is necessary since there was no surgery representative at the meeting

1. Discussion with Caroline about the possibility and benefit of having information stands, promoting health and wellbeing, available on the vaccination days.
2. Dates of the vaccination days
3. Implication of the proposed changes to reimbursement of blood tests
4. Invitation to the diabetic specialist nurse to talk to us about the practice's diabetic service