Minutes of SMP PPG meeting 3 March 2021

1 Present: RB (Chair), EA, EM, CL, LJ, AC, KG, KC, JG, NF, (CB).

Apologies: EAll (resigned owing to pressure of other commitments).

Membership of PPG was discussed as we now have up two vacancies.

EA reported that the opportunity to join is on the website but no specific call for new members – it was agreed that it would be difficult to recruit at the moment.

EA offered to raise at next clinicians meeting to see if they have anyone in mind.

- 2 | Items for AoB see #11, AoB
- 3 Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

4 Update

EM reported on interesting few months. In December, Nonsuch Mansion (Pfizer) started vaccinations, then in Jan/Feb, the Oxford vaccine became available at SMP. It has been a challenge to get hold of vaccines for delivering at the Practice. They have been doing clinics at weekends and during week and so far delivered 1100 vaccines in-house. They are now on group 6 ie patients with underlying conditions.

AC helped last week, getting patients ready and this help was much appreciated.

They had planned to do 700 patients this week but had to cancel because no vaccine. They are still waiting to hear how many they'll get next week.

It is more labour-intensive than flu jab.

Everyone working extremely hard and feel they are doing OK as a practice.

Meanwhile, they are still running the same appointment system as before, with telephone triage initially and converting to video if necessary.

They are still monitoring chronic conditions and keeping up with their normal workload as far as possible.

EA endorsed EM comments.

AC had seen vaccination at three venues - Nonsuch very efficient, St Helier didn't feel very safe there (small room corridor, people waiting for later appointments), SMP very safe and felt very confident. Full marks to SMP.

Sutton as a whole has rolled out well.

AC had attended a Covid information session for Sutton and thought very efficient.

LJ and CL went to Epsom for their jabs and found it also very well-organised.

CL has been to online meetings with Council as Covid health champion - they are concerned that older people might slip through the net if needing medical care – perhaps finding it harder to convey medical information by telephone. This a general concern in Sutton not specific to SMP.

EM said they are working hard to deal with issues by phone as before, also are seeing patients who need to be seen. He felt some patients would prefer to see a Dr face to face but that the Practice must also protect staff and other patients where possible.

Other patients very much welcome the flexibility which phone/video consultations offer.

Patients need to take the first step of phoning in so that clinicians are aware of any needs.

Many people feel more confident not coming into the surgery so as to avoid potential risks.

EM They are also very aware of needs in ongoing care arrangements and for end of life situations.

Care homes are called every week to check on any problems and they receive calls from carers every day.

EA Covid has highlighted issues about inequalities across SW London but pointed out that there are always problems with any system.

They also have a Community Response Team which is a virtual ward for patients coming out of hospital early.

5 PPG members report on patient experience

Covered above

6 Annual complaints report

EA reported that this was not required in 2020 because of Covid.

NF suggested that it was hardly relevant as things have changed so much consequently not worth pursuing now. If possible, any future report would be shared.

EM said that at the clinical meeting on Mondays, any complaints are discussed –recent issues have been to do with the NHS referral system rather than SMP.

7 Survey

EA reported that the new survey from Sutton CCG had not been received.

NF suggested that the Survey of Surveys already tabled should be accepted as the PPG survey for 2020 as per advice from Pam Howe (Sutton HealthWatch).

8 Brought forward items

Website, online access, noticeboards, awareness raising: carry forward again.

Leaflets have been removed.

Green/social prescribing - EA has met Elizabeth but not at SMP yet.

She is also involved in the Community Response Team (early discharge).

Her social prescribing case load is slowly increasing but social activities aren't working as usual so there is still room for more referrals.

EA has been appointed Clinical Director of Wallington PCN, with Dr Rodrigues (SMP) and Dr Barnard (Manor Practice).

These Clinicians know each other and have shared out the roles. EA has taken on the patient engagement role. There are four PCNs in Sutton.

For our patients doesn't make much difference but smaller practices get more benefit as expertise shared across practices.

EA exciting thing is potential to work together across practices to deliver services - clinicians can put together proposal for what they'd like to do for Wallington.

Mental health provision included – it is hoped to introduce specific mental-health practitioners in the future.

EM said the PCN has been great, it couldn't have come at a better time, meeting new people across practices, sharing ideas for coping with Covid, Clinical Directors have been amazing in setting up different services to protect vulnerable patients.

EA added that a really good example is the Nonsuch site which was created by the four Sutton PCNs CL mentioned South London listens which is a survey about NHS mental health provision .

Action: CL will send info for sharing with PPG.

9 **PRG meeting**

LJ reported on a presentation from Sutton Care Centre for people who are carers - they are keen to make presentation to SMP to show how they can help.

The aim to avoid repeat visits and alleviate problems on a practical basis.

LJ will pass EA's email address on to them.

LJ also reported on Health Unlocked - a GP from Sutton spoke about an online trial for social prescribing. Patients use the system to self-identify needs and directs them to activities to go for help. Two practices are trialing in in Northeast London (Redbridge and Barking and Dagenham). Funded by MacMillan

10 | **HETT**

NF had circulated a report on the sessions she had attended and outlined points of interest.

Action: RB will send link and more info to EA

11 **AoB**

EA informed the meeting that there is a new person at the Practice (Josh) who is a first-contact physio, who is in twice a week.

Patients who have a MSK ache or pain can book directly for one session.

Reception staff screen a little bit.

Doesn't do a course of six it's just an initial examination and some advice eg exercises.

If a course of sessions needed he will refer on to that service.

EA further reported that Nurse JM has left SMP have they just employed new nurse.

JM is at new practice in a new role.

12 Agree carry forward items

Membership of the Group - need two new members now.

Website, online access, noticeboards, awareness raising.

Terms of Reference.

12 Date of next two meetings:

2nd June and 15th September at 3pm

Meeting close for business but stay open for chat if wanted

Those who remained online wanted to add a note expressing thanks to the team for excellent service in recent months.