**RED LION PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)**

**Meeting on Tuesday 13 August 2019**

***M I N U T E S (Draft)***

**Present: Dr T Berriman T Woodham S Wright J Lycett**

 **J Baldwin (Chair) M Harvey**

**Apologies: R Gardner**

**1 Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Accepted as being an accurate record.

**2 Matters Arising:**

A meeting had been attended by Dr B at which the requirement by NHS England for the reconfiguration of CCGs into larger, centralised bodies had been outlined. CCGs were to have voted (in confidence) by the end of September and, although the change could not be imposed and would not take place unless all CCGs were in agreement, it would happen eventually.

Smaller practices were frowned upon by NHS England who wanted larger practices of at least 30,000 patients, with the Primary Care Networks providing a new Extended Hours Service, 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week. A clinical pharmacist was to be appointed by each network, as was a non-clinical social prescriber. The latter aiding the identification and use of local non-clinical facilities to benefit the health of patients.

**3 Practice Update:**

***New Premise****s* - use of the Cannock premises was no longer being pursued due to there still being an issue with funding by the CCG and the anticipated future reconfiguration.

***Complaints/Compliments*** – no complaints had been received which required action.

**4 Hospital Services Update:**

 ***Patient Stories*** *-* New Cross Hospital Cardiology Department and staff received high praise although, due to a national shortage of specialist staff, the current waiting time of 10 weeks for scan results could be as long as 16 weeks.

Rowley Hall Hospital hadprovided excellent podiatric care under the MICATS (Musculoskeletal Integrated Clinical Assessment and Treatment Service), an integrated service, provided by Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust, which helps patients with musculoskeletal problems in Staffordshire gain access to the correct health professionals.

The team is made up of Extended Scope Practitioners in podiatry and physiotherapy, a consultant, physiotherapists and chronic pain management specialists. Service users who access MICATS are assessed and directed to the correct health professional for their needs.

Essential Shared Care Agreements (ESCAs), written agreements between specialist services and general practitioners, allow care and, specifically, prescribing to be safely shared between them. The ESCAs are currently misunderstood by some consultants but must be in place.

**5 Meetings Feedback: Cannock Practices Network Patient Engagement Group / Cannock Chase District Patient Group (3 Localities) / Primary Care Committee**

No minutes had been received from any of the above named meetings. Clare Plant was to be contacted again to address the issue and clarify the PPG contact to whom minutes should be forwarded. **JB**

**6 Dementia Action Alliance (now Dementia Friendly Communities):**

Cannock Chase Council were now taking the lead and wanting more involvement from local businesses, shops, libraries and the community in general.

**7 Any Other Business:**

Dr Christian had been offered a partnership in the practice but was, as yet, still undecided. He had been well received by patients in his three years as a locum and it was very much hoped he would accept the offer.

**8 Dates of Next Meetings:**

Confirmed as being Tuesdays 8 October and 10 December.