**The Field Road and Barnby Dun Surgeries**

**Patient Participation Group**

**Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 June 2018**

Present:

Mrs R Holdsworth Chair

Mrs S Dunning

Mr E Holdsworth

Mrs A Hutchinson

Mrs R Lea

Mrs A Singleton

Mr P Kemm Practice Manager

Apologies:

Mrs D King

Mr J Waggitt

Dr M Wilkinson

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were noted.

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. **Mrs Abbott**

Mr Kemm confirmed that he had written to Mrs Abbott on the

13 March 2018, about her continuing membership of the PPG.

As no reply had been received from her it was agreed that her membership of the PPG had now ceased.

It was noted that there were now two vacancies on the PPG

and members were encouraged to seek volunteers for these

places.

* 1. **Surgery Re-Decoration**

It was noted that both surgeries required re decoration.

However in light of the current difficulties faced by the practice

it was recognised that this was not a priority at the present time.

* 1. **Practice Update**

Dr Brown was thanked for having attended the last PPG meeting

to provide an update on the current practice problems.

* 1. **Patient On line Percentages**

This has now increased to 6.8%. There were offers of support

from the PPG to the practice for further events to raise the

percentage of patients registered.

* 1. **Community Event**

Unfortunately there has been no contact from the practice

counsellor Marcia Watson to Mrs Holdsworth for the proposed

Community event. It was agreed to discuss the Community

Event at the next meeting.

1. **Practice Update**

Mr Kemm reminded the meeting of the GP partners who had

left the practice, Dr Bundy in December 2017 and Dr Sykes and

Dr Gadsby in May 2018. It was the intention of Dr Wilson to

retire in November 2018.

Adverts have been placed for the vacant posts but there has been

no interest as yet. The practice continues to operate through

the use of Locum GPs. There are currently two regular locum

GPs, Dr Gibson and Dr Jones. They are supported by other

Locums booked as required through GP Locum Agencies.

Attempts are also being made to recruit Advanced Nurse

Practitioners, but there are also difficulties with finding

suitable candidates.

The practice is exploring all options and this could include

a merger with another Doncaster practice.

In the worst case the practice may be forced to close and

the contract for the provision of GP medical services would

be put out to tender by Doncaster CCG.

There was a wide ranging discussion on the problems faced

by general practice across the country and the options

available to the practice. PPG members offered their support

to the practice in the current circumstances, and expressed

their concern for the well being of practice staff.

1. **Stainforth Surgery**

Mrs Lea reported on the problems being experienced by some

patients during the current hot weather. The waiting room at

Stainforth is quite hot and airless. Staff were encouraged to

keep the front door open to enable air to circulate.

1. **Mental Health Services**

Mrs Lea asked Mr Kemm about the quality of the mental health

services available to the practice. Mr Kemm reported on a recent

discussion he had had with Dr Wilkinson who had indicated that

urgent mental health services were adequate, however there

were delays in the system that posed problems for patients.

The practice has a counsellor based in the practice and the

current waiting to see her is six to seven weeks. Whilst not

ideal this was felt to be acceptable in the light of reports of

some waits of up to twelve months for access to some mental

health services.

1. **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

**10.00** on Tuesday 11 September 2018.