

Morland House Surgery PPG meeting minutes FINAL

Date: June 22nd 2023

Attendees:

1. Charles Peers (Chairman) (CP)
2. Nollag McGrath (Practice Manager) (NMG)
3. Martin Harris (Hon. Secretary)
4. Peter Greenhalgh (MHS PPG Newsletter Editor)
5. Meg Barbour (MB)
6. Judith Alden(JA)
7. Freda Duckmanton (FD)

Apologies for absence were received from: Monica Waud, Janet Carr, and Ann Wild. Dr David Copping (GP and Partner) (DC) and Dr Matthew Powell (a GP completing his GP training) (MP) joined the meeting at 4.47 pm for selected agenda items to which they contributed in the discussion.

The **Minutes** for the PPG meeting held on 16th February 2023 were approved without amendment and were signed. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

There was no report from the **SELF Forum**, and this was deferred to the next PPG meeting.

Items for discussion:

Morland House staff updates.

NMG reported that the practice's own paramedic left in June and the search for a replacement is on.

Dr Broderick has now returned from her maternity leave, and Dr Jarvis is expected to return from her sick leave in July.

In addition, a part-time pharmacist has now been employed.

The MHS Dispensary is planned to close at the end of September, with no staff redundancies expected as four staff have retired and the remaining four will be redeployed by MHS in supporting roles.

The Wheatley Pharmacy next door to MHS is expected to become the physical source for providing prescribed medicines to majority of patients, the final decision being the patient's as to where they collect. Processing of patient's repeat medication prescriptions will continue to be carried out at the surgery and there will be no change to the process by which patients request the same medication.

DC remarked that there will then be a total of 6 pharmacists working between the surgery and the pharmacy.

Additional NHS staff will be invited to assist with the administration of a further autumn booster vaccination against Covid, with the actual prescription for the vaccine based, based as it is every year on the currently available predictions of future variations of this virus, in order to give the vaccine manufacturers enough time to produce large quantities of the new vaccine in time for use in the autumn.

CP asked if the Junior Doctors' planned strike action would affect MSH, and DC advised that there would be no direct impact on MHS.

- **AOB.** PG asked NMG if there were any new patients offering to join the wider PPG group, but so far, only a few had made contact. NMG will follow up with these patients over the next few months.
- **Date of the next PPG meeting.** This date was provisionally set as 19th October 2023 but it will be confirmed later nearer the time.