Minutes of Alford Group of Doctors Patient Participation Group

Held 1200 Noon Friday 19th May 2023

Members ; Peter Hawkyard (Chair)Pat Hawkyard (Secretary), Pam Maplethorpe, Pat Mowbray, Margaret Pickbourn.

Practice ; Dr M Tant, Amy Denman, Also present Jade Livingstone 3rd year Medical Student.

Apologies ; Christine Foster

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved

Matters Arising ; None

Chairman’s Report

First of all I must apologise for the lack of control at our last meeting. It was extremely lively and I should have exercised more control. Could I suggest that we use the slot for members feedback to express individual comments and views so that we have organised free speech without the interruptions.

The ICB are still insisting on holding virtual meetings . e mail information on current plans cover notification that covid jabs are becoming available. Alford had an open session on Tuesday 9th May which was pretty chaotic and resulting in waits of up to over 1 hour. It was not advertised on the notification from the ICB but did appear on the “grab a jab” web site.Also in the bulletin is an article on smoking stating that it is the biggest single cause of deaths, disability and illness. A survey has been set up in [licb.involveus@nhs.net](mailto:licb.involveus@nhs.net), A further survey on the same website carries an invitation to report on recent experiences with MRI/Xray/CTScan, Blood tests, Blood pressure monitoring, EDCG, Echocardiogram or non-obstetric ultrasound.

Lincolnshire Community Health Services are offering digital coaching sessions at Spilsby/Skegness/Wainfleet and Mablethorpe. Further information is available on [jasmine.day4@nhgs.net](mailto:jasmine.day4@nhgs.net).

Once again, the ICB is highlighting the Enhanced Access where appointments can be arranged 2 weeks in advance or on the day is there is availability. More information on GPPracticesacrossLincolnshire.

The ICB also advise that since 26th April, you only need to wear a face mask in hospitals if you are visiting a patient with a respiratory infection such a Covid 19, or if they are at higher risk of serious illness.

I have received an e mail from Dominic Fieldhouse-Gray of Active Lincolnshire regarding organised walking and wheelchair tennis in Louth. Anyone wishing to take advantage of using these facilities should contact Anna-Maria on e mail ; [info@louthtenniscentre.co.uk](mailto:info@louthtenniscentre.co.uk) for further information.

Information received from NAPP covers Bowel screening stating that NHS England are running a campaign to ensure all those suitable for bowel screening take up the opportunity.

On the subject of Diabetes type 2 they advise that thousands more patients will benefit from the NHS Soup and Shake diets as new data shows its effectiveness at helping.

Practice Report

Amy confirmed that the revised booking system was working well and available throughout the day and had been well received by patients. The DNA situation has improved. Amy confirmed that the out of hours service for this Area is being provided by the Spilsby Practice and could be booked by our reception staff. More urgent treatment can be obtained at the Urgent Care Centre at Louth Hospital.

Dr Tant explained that the weight loss programme could not be arranged by the Practice due to lack of space and the need for trained volunteers to assist in operating it. He also explained the Medical Student situation whereby 1st & 2nd year students would attend 2 days per week, 3rd year 3 days, and 4th yr given a 6 week slot. The students are noi given a choice of where they can go but are allocated placements by the University.

Dr Tant also advised that the lift project had been abandoned due to the high cost of instalation.Plans have been submitted to extend on the ground floor to provide extra rooms

Members Feedback

Pam advised that increasing staff on the telephone system has improved matters regarding response times.

Any Other Business; None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING FRIDAY 30TH JUNE**

**AT 12 NOON.**