

## Minutes of the PPG meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Present:** Bridget Docking, Clive Elsmore, Bernice Harding, Steve Furness, Jan Baynham, Liz Williams, Jane MacBean

**Apologies:** Eileen Elsmore, Anne Childs, [REDACTED], Mary Whitley

The minutes of the previous meeting held via Zoom in May were unavailable.

Planning application the meeting was informed the planning application for the proposed new surgery would be considered by the Forest of Dean planning committee in December.

### Issues raised

- The PPG are fully supportive of the need for a new surgery for Coleford
- Concern about access is still a problem for some due to poor public transport
- Chemist it is hoped there will be a chemist attached to the new practice, discussions are ongoing.
- The current buildings for both practices are unsuitable
- The possible conversion of unused space in the council offices is not viable
- The new building with modern facilities will be a more favourable place to work and hopefully encourage HCPs to want to come and work there.
- It was felt there were some omissions in the planning application that should be addressed **Action Clive Elsmore**
- The application will be presented to the council by Osman Tricks, management consultants

Flu jabs, these were underway at the practice. Covid boosters will be given in Cinderford.

Mental health services there had been an increased need for these during the pandemic with support services over capacity. Young people's services have a self-referral element which is good.

Well-being services are available to patients if requested.

Thanks were expressed to all members of the surgery team for their efforts and good work during the pandemic. More face to face appointments are now being offered although some remain satisfied with telephone and/ or video calls.

**Next meeting** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 3pm