Notes of the Riverside Medical Centre PPG Meeting

**Held on Wednesday 22.5.24**

**Present:**

Emma Wilson Riverside Medical Centre

Janet Eaton Patient Representative

Dorothy Coomber Patient Representative

Barbara Chilton Patient Representative

Joyce Swindlehurst PPG Chair

Kath Brooks Patient Representative

**Apologies:**

Sylvia Megson Patient Representative

Pat Burgess Patient Representative

June Price Patient Representative

Denise Chippendale Patient Representative

**Matters Arising**

* **Minutes of last meeting**

Group agreed they are a true reflection.

* **Dr Cho**

Dr Cho is our new GP and joined us in March. Dr Cho replaces the 6 sessions previously covered by Dr Higgins before he retired.

* **Registars**

We have 2 new Registrars who are here for their GP training and will be providing appointments until February next year. We welcome Dr Asghar and Dr Younes.

* **New RSV Vaccine**

The group discussed the new RCV vaccine which is being offered to a small cohort. The vaccine will be offered to patients aged between 75 and 79 and pregnant ladies from 28 weeks gestation. This is a new vaccine which has been introduced this year.

* **Flu delay**

The Flu vaccination season has been deferred to start in October 2024. This is a Government directive which recommends the later vaccination will optimise protection. The Practice will be contacting eligible patients to book their vaccines here. We will be co-administering the Covid vaccine to patients who attend for a flu vaccine.

* **Elizabeth Court**

One of the group had been to Elizabeth Court Practice for a blood test. We discussed how the Practice has the option of booking patients at other destinations for evening and weekend appointments. Appointments are allocated to the Practice for our use but the service offers appointments which can be utilised by all the local GP Practices.

* **Decoration**

The Practice is in the process of having new floors and decoration throughout. We will update our website and social media once this starts so patients are aware of any planned disruption. The colour scheme from the new building will continue throughout.

**Next meeting Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 2pm**