

PPG Meeting 11/06/2026

1. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- The fridge for Barlestone has now been purchased, providing sufficient storage space for the vaccinations
- Diane will speak to Lynne re the planters at Barlestone. We have been gifted 4 planters
- Car park – the car park isn't something that is easy to manage however we have not had any complaints for a while

2. Chairpersons report

- KM attended the PPG Federation meeting via zoom. Discussed in this meeting was the integrated care boards (ICB) Northamptonshire, Rutland and Leicestershire are all merging into one.
- Hinckley Diagnostic Centre has now opened.
- The importance of bowel cancer screening was highlighted. Screening is offered every two years to people aged 50-74, with those over 74 able to request a test. Bowel cancer is the fourth most common cancer, and uptake of screening remains lower than hoped.

3. Practice Update

- There have been no new staff members since the previous meeting
- Saffron is no longer working at the practice
- The practice is currently recruiting a Patient Services Team Lead
- Diane provided an update on the number of GPs within the practice, the wider team and how the doctor's work
- The group discussed the possibility of having a stand focused on men's mental health
- Mental health support and the role of mental health facilitators were discussed. Kevin mentioned that locally there is a mental health walk.
- The possibility of involving patients in community gardening was discussed. The local council may be able to offer support for this, and the group considered bringing together interested patients to use the allotment at the community gardens in Ibstock
- We discussed the upcoming country fair in Ibstock. The practice will be unable to attend with a stand, as it is currently organising a larger educational event at Ibstock Surgery.

- The planned educational event will focus on veterans and will involve social prescribers and mental health support. Free health checks will be offered, including blood pressure checks, alongside information on healthy and healthy lifestyles. A significant number of staff will be required to support the event
- KM mentioned Angela Dennis, The Parish Council's High Street Regeneration Project Manager, who is involved in local high street projects. Once the date of the educational event has been confirmed, the practice can contact Angela to explore opportunities to promote it through local networks and social media.

4. Focus topic

- No specific focus topic was recorded for this meeting

5. Future Activities

- The PPG will be advertised at the forthcoming Saturday educational event
- Kevin will distribute PPG leaflets throughout the local community to help raise awareness and encourage patient involvement

6. Any other business (AOB)

- **Practice ratings:** The group discussed the improvement in the practice's google rating, which has increased from 1.5 stars to 4 stars. Ibstock Surgery was noted as being one of the only two local surgeries with a four-star rating.
- **eConsult support:** The possibility of using an iPad to help patients access and complete eConsults was discussed. The group also went through the eConsult process.