

## **PATIENT FORUM**

### **Minutes - 10 Jan 2019**

#### Attending:

Doreen Singleton (Chair), Pat Cooper, Janet Cooper, Ronnie Ribchester, Margaret Eckton

David Pearson (Practice Manager)

Apologies: Ruth Ryan

#### **Practice Update – Practice Manager**

- GPs – Dr Robinson and Dr Gul are working regularly with the practice each working one day per week. The practice will try advertising again for a Salaried GP. It is anticipated that the new centre will attract a good candidate
- Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) – Anne Walton starts with the practice on 4 March (4 days per week), joining Yvonne Curwen who works one day per week. In the meantime the practice is employing agency ANPs
- Health Care Assistant (HCA) – Julie Christopher will join the practice on the 25 February
- Patient Numbers continue to gradually climb reaching 4,000 for the first time in 10 years
- The practice has purchased a Spirometer to assist with the treating of respiratory conditions. Some of the costs were met by money raised by the Patient Forum at the Dardsley open day in July 2018, and a very generous personal donation by patient, Jean Robinson

#### **Dardsley**

- Building work on our new home proceeds slowly. We will not be able to relocate on 28 January. Delays relate to the rectifying damp in the building, problems in fitting sky-lights in the waiting room roof and the discovery that many of the ground floor windows are rotten and will need replacing
- The Forum was shown some photographs of the building frontage and asked their opinion on whether the Victorian bricks should be cleaned. Most felt that opening sooner was the main priority, although Doreen (the Chair) felt the frontage should be cleaned at some stage
- The practice is now working to relocate the practice by 4 March, although the opening date will not be finally confirmed until 4 weeks beforehand

#### **RBMG Patient Group**

- A number of members of the Patient Forum attended the joint meeting on 7 November 2018 of all the patient groups in the practice's collaborative group of practices in Lostock Hall, Kinsgsfold, Longton and Penwortham, hosted by Longton Health Centre – the Ribble Bank Medical Group (RBMG)
- The next meeting will be at 6.30pm on 26 February at St Fillans Medical Centre

#### **Doctor Doctor**

- The project to collect memories and stories about healthcare in the local area in the past and the long history as a medical centre of Dardsley, our future home
- Research has found out more about the doctors from the Sharples family that worked at Dardsley from the 1880s to 1948

- Volunteers for the project have been trained by the University of Manchester in how to record oral history testimonies and will start interviews with local people over the coming weeks

**Date of Next Meeting** tbc – 25 April, 28 March??