

**PEEL MEDICAL PRACTICE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday March 25th at 5.00pm.**

Present: D Lever (Chair) S Crosby R Coggins V Levai Dr C Webster

1. **Welcome** – DL welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - H Azam
3. **Minutes of previous meeting** – approved.
4. **Practice Update**

SC shared a diagram showing NHS funding distribution and explained the government announcement to scrap NHS England should not directly affect patients. The aim is to cut bureaucracy and red tape, remove duplication and ultimately save money.

GP Contract for 2025/26

Dr Webster gave an overview of the new GP Contract for 2025-26.

There was some initial pushback from GPs against the proposed contract. The increased uplift in funding has now been agreed and so collective action has ceased. It remains to be seen whether the uplift will cover increased costs, including national insurance and national minimum wage rises.

Of the £889 million funding, £800 million is said to be to cover the rising costs.

There have been other areas of funding increased. The main one being the increase to fund more newly qualified GPs, which is great news. We are also getting some additional funding for advice & guidance. This is communication with hospital consultants. We are a little concerned that this might increase the pushback from consultants. When we refer patients to secondary care we are already seeing an increase in advice and guidance asking us to manage the patient in primary care. This means secondary care see less patients, reducing their waiting times, but it increases the pressure on primary care.

The contract states that from October all patients must have access to online triage, e-consults and online admin queries. This reduces the 8am rush and queues on the phone. We have been operating this system at Peel for several years now.

For patients who do not have access to a computer or smart phone, our receptionists complete the form either face-to-face in surgery or over the phone.

The contract also encourages continuity. Again this is available at Peel already. Patients can request to see a specific GP.

Church Next Door

We believe the church building next door will be renovated into living accommodation.

Missing NHS Screenings

Following the question raised at the previous meeting, SC has looked into this. The article states that 5,000 patients whose registration process was incomplete were not picked up for health screening invites. As far as we are aware this has not affected any of our patients.

NHS Health Checks/Well-Man Screening

VL asked if well-man screening appointments are still offered. SC advised that Well Man Clinics are no longer funded. However eligible patients can request an NHS Health Check or can book an appointment with their GP to discuss any specific concerns.

Patient Issues

RC raised 4 issues:

1. He is still awaiting an appointment with the Respiratory Consultant. The waiting time is 1 year + However, he did not feel this needs to be expedited and is aware that he can discuss with GP if his condition worsens.
2. Podiatry. RC has been advised that this service now sees urgent cases only.
3. RC's grandson has been called for 3 separate scan appointments. Dr Webster said she would review his notes and see why this has happened.
4. RC's brother has been called for a second shingles jab (not our patient). Shingrix is a vaccine given as a 2-dose series.

5. Huw's News

- GP Contract – already discussed.
- Police Station. Back up for sale again.

6. Recruitment of PPG Members

Clinicians have been asked to consider patients who may be interested in joining the PPG. No political agendas.

Future Meeting dates

22nd April

27th May

17th June

29th July

26th August

30th September

28th October

18th November

DL thanked everyone for their contributions.