



Newbold Surgery Patient Participation Group



Minutes of the Meeting **Thursday 3rd July 2025**

In Attendance:

Steve Willetts (Practice Manager), DR Ben Tyler – our new GP, Martin Cooper, Sue Deakin, Marilyn Hay & Rob Hay, Annie Wilkinson, Ken Lawrie, Trudy Allen, Sue & Bob Goodwin and Louis Horvath

Apologies received:

David & Fran Corrie

Members Update

A warm welcome to our new PPG member – Louis Horvath – great to have you join us. {To join is as easy just asking one of us – no fancy forms to fill out}

Dr Ben Tyler – our new GP

Ben introduced himself to the group and thanked them for the warm welcome. He then talked us through what the training to becoming a GP looks like. Completing much of his training in Chesterfield and Sheffield, before/during and post Covid, before beginning his GP training. He deferred his training for a year, and was lucky to spend some of that time working professionally, doing his favourite sport of handball {There is a video about this on our Facebook page}. He spoke really movingly of his experience through Covid, working as a doctor in a hospital. He then told us about his hobbies and interests, and how these then influence his clinical areas of interest. Ben then spoke to us about his personal interests in MSK, weight loss and mental health in particular about adolescent mental health care. He then answered questions from the Group on what support is available to young people in crisis. We then ended on updating the group just how well Dr Ben had settled into his first role as a GP, how high regard his colleagues held him in and he then paid tribute to the Practice for his warm welcome. We then updated on our next guest speaker being Shandice Finnegan our Nursing Manager. The Group then requested that we try and a member of our reception team to attend.

Practice Update

We welcomed our new Reception colleague to the Practice – Kate, who joins us from the hospital. This new appointment has been funded by our growing patient list size. Our patient numbers are growing by about 2% per year. This then lead on to a discussion about how practices are funded.

The Group was then invited to keep an eye on the news and what's happening locally with NHS England, the merger of the local ICBs, but more importantly how that affects the care can then be provided by the Practice.

Walton Diagnostic Centre

Steve updated the group on his recent meeting with the Project Lead for the new Walton Diagnostic Centre. Further information will be shared with the group.



Dunston Housing Development

As new housing development continues in Dunston, one of the members raised the prospect of a new GP Practice potentially in planning. Steve would provide a further update as and when more is known.

PPG

Brief update on book sales and again call to continue to grow our membership. We really appreciate our current members giving their time, ideas and support to the Practice. Any patients wishing to join, can give us a call or use the "CONTACT US" button on the website. We are seeking a Chair and Secretary for our PPG.

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Date and Time of Next Meetings:

Thursday 11th September 2025 – 6.30. Guest Speaker- Shandice Finnegan – our Nurse Manager.

Thursday 13th November 2025 – 6.30. Guest Speaker- TBC