**Abridge Surgery PPG Meeting**

**Thursday 20th October7pm**

**Abridge Village Hall**

**Dr. D Colvin – Dr. B Isinkaye**

**37 Ongar Road**

**Abridge**

**Essex**

**RM4 1UH**

**Tel NO: 01992 812 961**

**Representing Surgery:** Monika Smith, Loraine Oliver

**Patients:** Tina Marns, Janette Dear, Susan Parish, Barbara Admondson,

**Apologies:** Alison Middleton, Greg Hill, Tina & Terry Mulchrone, Katie Clarke

**Minutes of Last meeting:** Agreed

**Introductions:** Members introduced themselves

**Surgery updates:**

* Trying to sort out text message i.e. sending message about flu jab when you have already had them IT department was having trouble sorting problems
* Monika apologised for having no phone services, (when meeting was held phones were back up and running)
* A Doctor and Nurse are doing late appointment on Thursdays which are F2F
* Also some appointment on Wednesdays are F2F
* There will be another Doctor on site on a Wednesdays
* Surgery is hoping to offer more F2F appointment in the near future
* Thursday PM surgery is funded for 1 year (Winter access money)
* **A locum** for Fridays has been appointed, this will allow the release of 20 new appointment
* **Sink** - Colin Clark applied for funding in mid-September and has agree the go ahead, watch this space
* **New sign** - the landlord has ordered, a white sign with brown writing plus phone no to match up with the building this is to be installed soon
* **CCG** (Clinical Commissioning Groups) had change to **ICB** (Integrated Care Board) from 1st July 2022. Monika explained that they were reducing funding for services i.e. dressing, stitches, ear syringing etc.

ICB are now only giving £1 per person to carry out these treatment which do not cover the cost of equipment needed, at present the surgery is continuing to delivery this service. Monika is writing to them, (this is a nationwide problem) stating that £1 will not cover costs etc costs are to be negotiated, however we still provide this service at surgery cost

* 2 receptionists have had to be released from the practice and a new receptionist was appointed and will be starting soon

**PPG Funding Raising Group:**

* After consultation with group members (and feedback from some villagers) general feeling was that a Funding group should not exist as the surgery is a business
* We have taken the decision that this will now be rename PPG Community Group and will focus on community needs. This will be discussed at the next PPG community group meeting on how we can carry this out
* We asked if there could be a photo board of all staff in reception area so village could get to know staff better. Monika will ask the Doctors their feeling on this
* We suggested that the minutes go onto the website, Monika agreed this would be a good idea
* We also suggested an open afternoon for the community so that patients can see what the surgery offers Monika to discuss with doctors
* As the group is no longer a funding raising group the notice board and Defibrillator for the surgery would have to be funded by the surgery itself

**AOB:**

* The evening meeting was not well attended only 4 members was present so Monika said next meeting would go back to afternoon meetings
* Barbara thanked the surgery for the organisation of the Flu client, all agreed this had gone very well

**Date of next meeting:** **02nd March 2023 at 1 pm Abridge Cricket Club.**