

**WHITEMOOR MEDICAL CENTRE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

AGM

2020 was a very odd year for the Patient Participation Group. It began just like any other year with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January. This was a normal face-to-face meeting at the Medical Centre.

Barry Peden stood down as the Chair and I was asked to chair the next meeting. No Vice Chair was elected at this meeting.

MAY Meeting

The next meeting took place at the end of May, during the first Covid-19 lockdown. It was a telephone Conference Call. You can imagine how difficult it is to hold a meeting between more than 9 people, none of whom can see each other. No meeting was held in March. Fortunately, some useful information was obtained about how the Medical Centre was being run, with appointment only consultations, mostly by telephone. It was noted that the Medical Centre would be considering starting routine work again the following week and that the Babington Clinic was being used as the Red Hub to assess suspected Covid-19 cases.

Dr Bishop confirmed that Covid-19 mortality was predominantly age related and that the overall mortality was 0.8% of cases.

DECEMBER Meeting

During the year there were no further meetings until the beginning of December, and like the rest of the population the PPG members were following events on the national news. The December meeting took place using a combination of Microsoft Teams and telephone Conference Call and although only 5 members used Teams, including 2 new members, with 2 members attending by telephone, it was more normal.

We learned that the Babington Hospital was going to be used by our Primary Care Network (PCN) as a Local Vaccination Centre to administer the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccinations and the members had the opportunity to ask questions relating to the overall performance of the NHS during the year.

I would like to thank all the members who gave up their time to attend the meetings in 2020 and to particularly thank Dr Bishop, Timothy Skinner the Practice Manager and other staff members, including Lynn Bond the Medical Secretary, who has been passing on to the members any useful information I could find about the pandemic.

The total membership of the group is currently 21.

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And finally we note that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine was approved for use by the Medical and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) on Wednesday 30 December, to the great relief of the whole UK population.

Kenneth Barnsley
Chair – Whitemoor PPG 2020
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