

Garswood Surgery PPG Meeting

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Attendees: David Chesworth (DC), Andy Simpson (AS), John Mason (JM), Peter Astle (PA), Andrew Derbyshire (AD), Melanie Armstrong (MA), Hazel Ryan (HR), Pat Carson (PC), Bob Carson (BC), Mansell High (MH), Martin Ansell (MA), Dr David Lawson (DL)(Chair), Edwina Taylor (ET), Alex Prince (AP)(Minutes)

Apologies: Rita Cunliffe, Marilyn Richardson, Alma Cooper, Ken Southern, Jenny Gerrard

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	RAISED BY	ACTION
	DL opened the meeting with introductions for the new members who have joined the PPG		
Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and agreed. DL asked if there was any update regard the setting up of a walking group. AS informed the group of walking group which runs at the 3 Sisters at 8:45am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday		
Surgery Updates	<p>Dr Jacob Kan has now joined the surgery as salaried GP on a permanent basis for 4 days a week, he is a very welcome addition to our team.</p> <p>ET updated the group regarding the progress of the Chronic Disease Annual Review clinic which has been running since June and asked for any feedback. MH has had a very positive experience at the clinic and found the whole system ran very smoothly.</p>		
Research Update	<p>An update was given on behalf of Dr Parr regarding the research that surgery is involved in: -</p> <p>At the end of November 2025, we had the opening of the Holden Centre to commemorate Dr John Holden. This was made possible following a successful application to secure funding to develop a research hub in 2023/24. This will be the base for the research hub for North PCN to offer and promote the opportunity for patients to participate in research.</p> <p>Our research action continues to grow each year at Garswood. We have received a positive response from our patients taking up these opportunities and there are plans to expand this offer across our Primary Care Network</p> <p>Rebecca &amp; Chloe who are GPA's at Garswood have joined the research team. We also have another new staff member joining in January Rachel McCreavy who is currently our Nursing Associate within Primary Care Network. There are also plans for an admin staff member to join us in the New Year</p> <p>MA asked if the PPG could have a presentation of the results or regarding the research. AP advised that Lee Bullen has attended a previous PPG meeting and would probably be happy to facilitate this again.</p>		

National Neighbourhood Health Programme Update	<p>DL gave a very informative presentation regarding the National Neighbourhood Health Programme Update. St Helens is one of 43 pioneer sites for the programme. For our PCN St Helens North our focus is going to be on patients aged over 65 who are considered as being frail. The focus will be on more cohesive care and holistic reviews. St Helens ICB has asked for us to get feedback and opinions from our PPG. This was discussed and received very well by members of the PPG who agreed that a community focussed approach would be very beneficial especially for the older members of the practice population.</p> <p>AP will forward the presentation along with the minutes to all PPG members. DL asked for feedback from the PPG members especially regarding the questions at the end that he can pass on to the ICB</p>		
Any other business	No items raised		

Next Meeting – date to be confirmed