

Grange PPG Meeting 8th May 2024

Present: Rupert Bankart, Ulrike Bankart, Roy Poole, Maria Lesniewska, Peter Larke, Ian Arnott

Apologies: Carol Gedge, Ruth Gedge, Ken Thompson, Joan Baker

1. Surgery Update

Staff member Dominika has now qualified as a Clinical Pharmacist, which will add valuable capabilities to the surgery.

Main GP consulting room and two Nurses rooms are to be fitted with a new floor to comply with regulations.

The surgery website is being revamped and is expected to go live around the middle of June.

The surgery is seeking a Painter & Decorator. (Any recommendations will be appreciated).

A Surgery Pod is to be fitted on May 23rd. This is a piece of equipment which will be installed near to the blood pressure monitor, and will allow patients to carry out various additional personal tests, and the data will be transferred directly to their patient notes.

Certain vaccinations, such as flu, shingles and HPV are available at the surgery, but Covid will not be. This is largely due to the poor take-up and resultant vaccine waste when it was last available. Nationally, Covid vaccinations are generally made available at Pharmacies and certain shopping centre outlets.

Lead GP Dr Bankart is now formally qualified as a GP trainer. This effectively means that the surgery will become a Training Practice, which will be a positive benefit with trainee Doctors working at the surgery under supervision and will help to reduce the need for expensive locums.

2. AccuRx

The new system in place which enables patients to request appointments and consultations online is now in place, but as a "hybrid" version, in that telephone appointments will still always be available. With this hybrid system in place, there should be less demand on the telephone service, hopefully enabling patient's easier access.

3. LMC

The Cambridgeshire Local Medical Committee represents, supports and advises all individual GPs and GP Practices across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It has reported that nationwide there are 3.5 million people that are not registered with a GP. Funding has only been increased by 2% while costs have risen by more, leading to a further shortfall. You may be interested to view comments made by Dr Katie Bramall-Stainer, their chief executive, earlier this year.

<https://youtu.be/BOXv9qb-Kog?si=OT11XCp-JWoWWbef>

4. Repeat medications

ICB medicine management team does often advice on generic versions. The surgery gets a few messages concerning medicine shortages every week. Working together with the pharmacies to help find different ones if the nation has run out.

Often if several medications are in sync they will go out of sync as maybe different amount prescribed.

5. QOF (Quality & Outcomes Framework)

The QOF gives an indication of the overall achievement of a practice through a points system, and The Grange has scored a very respectable 94.8%

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