**WGP Patient Participation Group Update - September 2020**

I am starting with some very sad news. Val Billings passed away in June. She had been a member of the PPG for a long while and she will be very much missed. Her funeral cortege started from her bungalow and I was pleased to join with her neighbours and friends to pay my own and the PPG’s respects.

**Review of the last Update published in June 2020 and matters arising.**

The Update was circulated. I received only one reply on the possibility of holding virtual meetings. That person said that she would join if someone else set it all up. I am very aware that a number of members have not got access to the Internet and, from the lack of response, I am assuming that those who have would not be interested in virtual meetings.

I was very surprised at the small number of members who raised any questions under A.O.B. I hope more comments/questions will be raised this time. As I have put in my covering letter DB and SC are meeting with MD and MS in mid-September to discuss the matters you raise.

Changes are constantly happening at WHHC and at Bratton to keep up to date with the Official Guidance. MD will outline these in the next section.

**Surgery Update**

The surgery continues to monitor and respond to all (and ever changing) NHS England and Department of Health guidance and advice. We have made several changes to the ways in which we work and will need to continue to do so.

We are in the process of interviewing 2 potential salaried GP candidates as well as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner. We are also taking on 2 minor illness nurses. One is a replacement of hours lost, but the other is in addition to our usual numbers.

As mentioned in my previous surgery update, Dr. John Ward will be starting as a salaried GP in early September (He was a trainee with the practice and has since done some locum work for us) and Dr. Camilla Johnson will start in early October.

Dr. Gumbley has committed to continue doing locums for us in the short / medium term which is also an excellent result for us.

**A.O.B.**

* If you have any comments/questions that you would like DB or SC to raise with MD and MS during our mid-September meeting with them please telephone or email DB on 07515 634664 / [didi.chooko@gmail.com](mailto:didi.chooko@gmail.com) or SC on 01373 864401 / [carpenter7@btinternet.com](mailto:carpenter7@btinternet.com). SC will collate the replies and send them out as additional A.O.B. via Mandy.
* DB and SC will try to involve all patients of WGP by writing a piece in the White Horse News inviting them to submit any comments/questions via [wccg.wgppatientvoice@nhs.net](mailto:wccg.wgppatientvoice@nhs.net) for discussion at the above meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Your guess is as good as mine!!!