**FRIENDS OF BRIDGE MEDICAL CENTRE**

**Patient Participation Group**

**Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 1300 hours**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Brian Champion (BC), Elizabeth Tracey (ET), Dave Hathaway (DH), Mary Smith (MS), Paul Smith (PS), Peter Nicolson (PN), Jackie Morris (JM), Julie Smith (JS)

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| **Point** | **Discussion Item** | **Action** |
|  | Welcome and apologies  No apologies were received. |  |
|  | Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th August 2022  The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting. |  |
|  | PCN Social Prescribers (Tracy Olkers & Jenny Glen)  The PCN Social Prescribers will now have a standing item on the agenda going forwards. The meeting will be joined by either Tracy Olkers and/or Jenny Glen.  Tracy explained the role of the social prescriber and the benefit this brings to both patient and practice alike. Jenny has taken a lead in linking Bridge to the Park Run at Tilgate.  They have established a Coffee Morning at the Revive Café on the second Wednesday of each month aimed at bringing together those patients who are socially isolated and suffer with anxiety who are 18 years and over. This is patient led with suggestions welcome of what can be discussed, presented etc. A Christmas Card making session has been suggested.  The Bereaved Men’s club is progressing too and is open to men who are 18 years and over who have been bereaved. They talk about their grief but also talk about sports, travels and the weather.  Group activities have also been arranged for the refugees including football. £700 was raised for football boots and socks and the hope is that they will be able to obtain tickets to take some of the patients to see a game at Crawley. |  |

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|  | Staffing   1. Recruitment of Practice Paramedic Practitioner – still ongoing. 2. Recruitment of Practice Nurse – two new nurses starting w.c. 31.10.22. One will focus on Asthma and COPD and the other will do basic Practice Nurse duties. |  |
|  | Primary Care Networks (PCNs)   * 1. Recruitment of 2nd Clinical Pharmacist – sadly the pharmacist withdrew in the month she was due to start. The PCN are rethinking this post.   2. Recruitment of 2nd Care Co-ordinator – successful recruitment with the new Care Co-ordinator starting on the 14th November next. |  |
|  | Projects   1. Cake Sale for Ukraine Emergency Disaster Fund – 19.10.22 – all organized. Table, tablecloth, kitty, knives, bags etc all organized. 2. Active Practice – An Electrifying Jaunt scheduled for 20.10.22 at 1300 hours from the Practice led by Dave Hathaway. Perhaps this will be the first of many. 3. New Practice Logo – JM showed the meeting the new Practice logo and explained the thinking behind it. All agreed it was very smart and modern. |  |
|  | Any Other Business   1. Sharing contact details amongst Core members? – all done and those who are happy to be contact by core members to let JM know. |  |
|  | Date of next meeting – 13th December 2022 1300-1400 |  |