**Minutes of the Patient Group, White Rose medical Practice**

**Thursday 18th May 2023**

**Present:**

Tom Sheard (TS) Chairman

Asif Akram (AA) Practice Manager

Margaret Sheard (MS) Patient Representative

Tony Ennis (TE) Patient Representative

Elaine Ennis (EE) Patient Representative

David Corrall (DC) Patient Representative

Ruth Booker (RB) Patient Representative

**1. Welcome and introductions**

Tom Sheard opened the meeting by welcoming the group to the meeting. Introductions were made by all in attendance.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Stephanie Cooper.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The group agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were correct. There were no matters arising.

**4. Items from the Practice**

Following on from the previous meeting Asif Akram provided a breakdown of the patient demographics as follows:-

Age 0 – 10 1253

Age 11 – 20 1075

Age 21 – 40 2471

Age 41 – 60 2325

Age 61 – 80 2065

Age 81+ 406

Regarding the issuing of 2 monthly repeat prescriptions Asif said that the doctors were generally positive about the idea, but only for certain drugs and not controlled drugs. The practice is currently looking at ways to implement this.

**5. Items from members.**

Ruth Booker asked if, due to increasing registered patients, space was becoming an issue, and would more rooms be required. Asif said that it could potentially become an issue in the future but at the moment they were managing by utilising space more efficiently by asking staff to work their hours over 4 days instead of 5.

If necessary the practice would look at renting more space to cover additional services in the future, but as there is currently no lease in place this could be more of an issue. Taking out a lease would incur additional one off costs, i.e. stamp duty and legal fees which would potentially be re-imbursible.

Margaret Sheard asked if the practice was open for new patients to which Asif said yes they were. Margaret also asked whether more nurse appointments could be made available at the Monk Bretton site and could the practice send patients to the Community Diagnostic Centre in the Glass Works complex for blood tests and other procedures if the need arose. Asif said that they would look at possibility of making more nurse appointments available at Monk Bretton if required. Likewise they could make use of the Community Diagnostic Centre if needed but there were currently no issues with availability of nurse appointments within the practice. Nurses are also working their hours over 4 days instead of 5.

There was no other business.

Tom thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 12:30pm.

**Date and time of future meetings**

Thursday 14th September 2023, 11:30am

Thursday 14th December 2023, 11:30am