**EDGWORTH MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NOTES**

**Notes from meeting Tuesday 19 March 2024**

**Present**

Patients; Jean, John, Gary, Jean, Sue, Susan, Alison, Rainer, John, Pauline, Edward

Staff; Tarek, Kelly, Jack

**Walking group**

For staff and patients from Sunday Morning 7 April, every Sunday, 9am at Edgworth medical centre join us for a short or longer walk.  At your own risk!

**Meetings on health topics**

Planned monthly 1 hour meetings on health topics with plenty of time for questions and comments.  Jack will speak to Edward about using St Annes church.

**Pressure on hospitals**

Currently all hospital services are under great pressure and this shows in their reluctance to admit people and increasing waits for outpatient and inpatient assessment and treatment.  This particularly includes neurology, cardiology, respiratory, dermatology and orthopaedics.  We are trying to help where we can.  Our message to patients is please be patient about the length of wait but if your condition deteriorates and becomes more urgent, do let us know.

**Vaccinations**

Spring covid boosters will be starting late April from Edgworth and Bromley Cross surgeries.  For over 75 year old patients, house bound and those resident in care homes.  Others should arrange through the NHS website.

There has been an outbreak of measles across the country including the North West.  The resurgence is likely related to a decline in measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake during the last few years.  We suggest vaccination all people that have not had any previous vaccination or only one.  Staff working in health and social care services.  And a booster for adults whose last vaccination was well over 10 years ago.   Being done at the practice.

**Staffing**

GP

We currently have in addition to our regular GPs (Tarek, Veronica, Aisha and Jack), Jan, David and Dr Khan.

Advanced health care professionals

Unfortunately Lisa is off sick but hopefully will back before long.  Sharon is now working as an advanced nurse practitioner.  We have Shahida our clinical pharmacist and Angelika, physician associate.

Nurses and health care assistants

We have a new health care assistant joining us in April to replace Lauren who moved to Bromley Meadows practice.

Administration and reception

Phoebe has joined us.

**Fun and activity day**

Sunday 2 June.  Planning well advanced.  In aid of MacMillan.  Food and other stalls. Rounders.  Dog contest and much more!

**Next meeting**

Tuesday 14 May 7-8 pm, Microsoft teams and Edgworth medical centre.