**Notes of Angel Lane PPG virtual Meeting. Tuesday 15th June 2021**

1. Everyone welcomed to the meeting.
2. **Present:** Alison Southgate, Dr Linn, Margaret Easter, Terry Moore,

Wendy Barron, Phil and June Milne.

1. **Apologies,** Marian, Raj, Paul.
2. **Minutes of Meeting :**  11th May 2021 were agreed and signed.
3. **Matters Arising:** Harlow Hospital **–**  NWE CCG virtual meeting on 27th May was attended by Terry Moore and June but there was no new news. An email had been circulated to all members of PPG of photographs of the proposals.
4. **Treasurers Report** Bal. £671.20. Income – 1 Donation of £80.91 had been received.
5. **Surgery News/Covid 19:**

Dr. Ratnabalan has successfully completed his training and past his exams and will remain at surgery until August. Two new Registrars are coming in August but are at the beginning of their GP training will not be seeing patients alone for some while.

The phone system and website have been updated recently. It will enable on line triage to happen via AccurX. The website contains a new module where patients cansubmit non urgent administration and clinical enquiries. All requests go to Alison or Sarah and are then directed to the appropriate team. It will help Angel Lane if we meet any patients to tell them of the new system.

Appointments can now be made 4 weeks in advance for face to face as well as telephone consultations where appropriate.

Terry asked about getting through to Dispensary. The direct dial number is given on the new system for this but there is no option for this as it would tie up a phone line.

The alteration work has commenced. Grants from UDC/EEC had been applied for but

we were unsuccessful however it has been announced that more money has been

put into the scheme so Alison will pursue this. June had not heard from Stansted

Airport Trust. Raj had suggested at last meeting that local businesses could be

approached but after discussion it was felt this was not a good idea in the present

climate. Businesses are struggling as a result of Covid and to be fair other surgeries

etc would need to be supported.

Covid update – Alison reported that the round of 2nd doses is almost finished.

Under 40’s are almost done and anyone over 18 can now book in. There is no

information about booster jabs or jabs for children.

Margaret asked about her 30 yr old Grandson with special needs who is terrified

of needles therefore cannot be vaccinated. There is nothing in Tablet form at the

moment. Dr Linn said that research is being done on one dose vaccine and nasal sprays as children are given Flu vaccine.

1. **Flu Jabs.** It is anticipated that they will be given in a similar way as Covid jabs. No queues.

The PPG members may be able to help but there will probably not be a raffle or

drinks.

It was agreed the possible dates will be, 2/10, 16/10 and 23/10. Times 8am to 2pm.

Final arrangements will be made nearer the time.

1. **AOB.** Wendy explained about the possibility of UDC closing Chequers Lane car park and Day Centre to open a Covid testing Centre. Concerns were expressed on the affects of such a decision on the surgery etc. Wendy explained that Dunmow Town Council were already making the strongest objections to the proposals.

* Note. Since the meeting the NHS has turned down the suggestion.

1. **Date of Next Meeting.** 20th July 2.30pm. Alison will organise this on line but if possible we will meet face to face.