

Minutes for **Joint** PPG/PCN meeting
Tuesday 15th April 2025– 1:30pm
Northway Surgery

1. Present

Ella Thompson – Ridgeway
Cicely Thomas - Ridgeway
Russell Gardener-Northway
Jodie Jones – Coseley/Bath Street/Castle Meadows
Dr Matthew Read-Woodsetton
Anne Whitham - Northway
Karen Evans – Ridgeway
Anne Wakefield – Ridgeway
Tim Jevons – Northway
Harvey Woolf – Northway
Sue Smith- Lower Gornal
Peter Norton -Coseley
David Gill – Lower Gornal
Paula Nickers – Northway
Pamela Dugmore – Castle Meadows
Helen Codd – DGFT
Jean Baines
Clare Davies – Bath Street

Apologies

Joy Powell, Ian Campbell, Wendy Rigby

Minutes taken by Ashleigh Dodd

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Nothing to discuss

3. Matters Arising

Nothing to discuss

4. Speaker: Helen Codd on ICB changes

Helen attended the meeting to discuss changes within the ICB. DIHC dissolved last September and all staff transitioned to different organisations. She explained her job role which involves her acting as a host for Dudley Group. This includes recruitment, helping with hospital avoidance, promoting different things going on within the Dudley area and signposting. A 10 year plan is due to be published soon which will give people a clearer idea for the goals set within the ICB.

Helen agreed to write a description of her job role so this can be included in the PCN newsletter– she will send to Ella. Helen also agreed to circulate their own “place to be” newsletter to all practices, so that they can then put out information through their socials etc regards events, which are happening in the area.

5. Report on Ridgeway/Woodsetton boundary changes

Woodsetton and Ridgeway have applied to expand their boundary. Ella explained that as part of this proposal, the surgery has to follow a plan of public engagement as laid out by the ICB. This involves meeting and discussing the plans with PPG members and collating feedback via forms and surveys, which can be found on the surgery websites.

Questions were answered with regards to the reasoning why. The increase in patient population should not have much of an impact, as hopefully it will be a gradual increase. The main reason for the boundary extension is to give patients more choice. If any members have any queries regarding this, they are to email Practice Managers direct.

6. Speaker: Merrie Maggie on Laughing Yoga

Maggie attended the meeting to explain the benefits of "Laughing Yoga". She explained how it is uplifting, helps to reduce stress and anxiety and helps to connect people. She informed the group of future sessions and handed out leaflets. She also gave a few examples and advised that she has had very positive feedback. CT commented that she highly recommends.

7. Report on Sedgley Health Roadshow

CT gave a brief overview of the Health Roadshow that took place on 27th March at St Andrews. It was a huge success with 32 stalls in attendance. It was a good opportunity for networking and communication and helped to promote health and equality. CT is hoping to hold another one at The Greens September time and has discussed this with Dr Girish who is more than happy to support the idea. It may require more funding as it is hoped for leaflets to be posted to the houses within the area. The room may not be suitable at The Greens so an alternative option may need to be discussed. CT has an upcoming meeting and will pass on comments, so please send any suggestions to her.

8. Comments from the PCN practices

PD mentioned that she had trouble completing the patient survey. Practice Managers to feed this back to appropriate people.

DG recently attended a dementia awareness talk at the library, which he found very valuable.

SS recently attended a presentation for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening and found it very concerning that there is currently only a test for males. She suggested that the PPG work on trying to change this together.

Jodie informed the group that the PCN has applied to close Bath Street. Every household in the practice will be contacted and 3 drop in sessions will take place. The patients will then be merged with Coseley. The timeframe of this happening will be down to the ICB.

9. AOB

Nothing to discuss.

Next meetings:

PCN PPG – all at 1.30pm, Northway Medical Practice

- 8th July
- 7th October
- 6 Jan 2026

Thank you to everyone attending.