**Alton Patient Participation Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025**

**at 10.00 am**

**Present:** Vic Goodwin (VG) (Chair), Dorothy Clohesy (DC) (Deputy Chair), Heather Hall (HH) (Practice Manager), Tony Loynes (TL) and Elaine Plant (Secretary)

**1. Apologies**: Carol Edwards, David Edwards, Alan Heath, Angie Hurst, Martin Morris and Lynn Shooter

**2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 11th March were approved.**

**3. Matters Arising:**

GP Contract discussed further. Funding will be distributed appropriately in accordance to the needs of the practice. Future planning would also be taken into consideration

**4. Role of Deputy Chair and Secretary:**

**Deputy Chair:** DC advised that she wanted to give up the role of Deputy Chair but would carry on as a member of the PPG. EP would carry on her role of Secretary for the short term.

As we do not have many attending members it was difficult for long standing members i.e. DC 12 years, EP 10 years - to relinquish their roles and make way for younger members. Despite promoting the PPG in very many ways we have had very little interest from patients wishing to join. See Item 6.

**5**. **Newsletter:**

**TL** advised that the Newsletter was available on the Alton and Oakamoor Facebook page and he intended posting it to the Denstone Group.

**6**. **PPG Leaflets:**

**HH** suggested a leaflet promoting the PPG could be printed out and left in Reception.

**7. Questionnaire and Survey:**

**TL** reported that this went live on various social media groups on Sunday and as yet 39 patients have responded. Hopefully this number will increase and enable TL to collate the data in time for the June meeting when the findings will be discussed.

**8. Any Other Business**:

**NHS App Information Session** at the Guildhall, Cheadle. DC was disappointed that this invitation had not been extended to Alton PPG**. HH** explained that it was received at very short notice with not enough time to promote. **DC** requested that Alton could be included in any future information sessions.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**: **Tuesday 10th June at 2pm**