**LBSPPG NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020**

 Dear Patients,

 Welcome to the third newsletter from the Little Bushey Surgery Patient Participation Group (LBSPPG).

 The LBS PPG held its AGM on the 03rd December 2020 when the committee was re-elected. The minutes of the AGM meeting can be found on the Practice website and our notice board in the surgery waiting room. The committee members are:-

 Chairman Barry B

 Vice Chairman Margaret W

 Minute Secretary Angela P

 Committee Members Ann D Howard K Jeffrey N

 Shareen P Fiona W

 Barry has completed his four year term as the PPG chair and would like to step down from this positions as soon as a replacement has been appointed. Please contact Barry on lbsppg@virginmedia.com if you would like further information.

 **November Event**

 The on-line Covid and Mental Wellbeing event organised by Schopwick surgery on 24th November 2020 was well attended. Natasha Mann, Team leader for Hertsmere & Ashlee Manning, social prescriber presented at the event followed by a Question & Answer session.

 **Updates from the Surgery**

 **COVID -1 9 VACCINES**

 The surgery is working with other surgeries in the Herts 5 PCN and Herts Health GP Federation to establish a local Covid vaccination centre. This will be based at Allum Hall in Borehamwood. Subject to vaccine delivery, this should start to operate from the 04th January 2021 onwards. The service will be invite only, working to the NHS guidance on priority Order: care home residents, over 80’s, then over 75’s, descending through age ranges.

 **REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS PROCECDURE**

 Due to the Covid pandemic, the surgery relaxed its guidelines on accepting repeat prescription requests via practice emails. For the safety of patients, all requests for repeat prescriptions must be made in writing. This can be done via Practice email, Patient Access or posted in to the letterbox at the surgery.

 If you do not have internet access or have mobility issues, please ask whoever delivers your food, a friend or a neighbour to drop off your prescription request or post it. Patients can help by anticipating their prescription needs rather than waiting until their medication has nearly run out.

 **NEW RECRUITMENTS AT THE SURGERY**

 **Dr Pratik Shah** joined Little Bushey Surgery team as a Trainee GP in 2016 and has now joined the practice as a salaried GP working 6 sessions a week.

 **Lily Samuel** has joined the practice as a practice nurse providing treatment room service to Little Bushey Surgery patients. She will be working on Mondays & Wednesdays.

The practice, through Herts 5 PCN, has recruited two first contact physios and two clinical pharmacists working at five PVN practices namely, Little Bushey Surgery, Schopwick Surgery, Fairbrook Medical Centre, The Grove Medical centre and The Redhouse Group.

 **HELP NEEDED AT THE COVID-19 HUB**

 In preparation of the covid vaccination work force, the CCG are looking for volunteers to help with transport, steward-direction flow, administration and data entry, etc. We need expression of interest from you. Please contact the Practice Manager if you would like to be involved.

 **REDUCED PPG ACTIVITY DUE TO COVID-19**

 The PPG has reduced its activity to Zoom meeting for the foreseeable future. We have continued with our normal schedule of committee meetings and joint meetings with the surgery as well as our usual AGM.