

**Valley Medical Centre**  
**MEETING TYPE : Patient Participation Group**  
**DATE : Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**TIME : 10.00AM**

Attendees	<b>Full Meeting:</b> 2 practice staff, 1 social prescriber, 8 patients	
Apologies	2 patients	
	<p><b>Agenda items for all: Practice Items</b> - Introduction and welcome, Matters arising from previous minutes – hand dryers, Spring Covid Campaign, Outreach sexual health clinic, Lung cancer screening programme, Patient recall and review system, Social Prescribing service and introduction.</p> <p><b>Patient Items –</b></p> <p><b>AOB –</b></p>	
<b>Introduction</b> - Welcome to everyone – quick introduction of who everyone is		
<b>Point</b>	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	Matters arising from previous meeting – the new hand dryers have now been installed in the patient toilets.	
2.	<p>Spring covid campaign – this will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 17<sup>th</sup> June, we have already started giving vaccines to those in eligible groups and invites have gone out to everyone eligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over 75's</li> <li>- Immunosuppressed patients over the age of 6months (must meet specific criteria)</li> <li>- Care home visits have been done this week</li> <li>- Home visits for housebound patients are scheduled in the next few weeks.</li> </ul>	
3.	<p>Outreach sexual health clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is a mobile unit that has been travelling around the city to help people to access the service without the need to go into the city centre. With help from the town council, we have secured it coming to our area in May, June and July on Wednesdays and it will be based in the council part of the co-op carpark. The following questions were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the other surgeries in the area been made aware that the van will be in Stocksbridge, so they can advertise to their patients?</li> <li>• Do the schools know about the van/ or do you do any work currently with the local high schools for this sort of service? (I did tell them about the youth clinics that run).</li> <li>• Do you have more info about who can access this service in the outreach van?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Reply - Yes, we will be promoting to all of the surgeries in the area and doing some work with the school (although we are aware that the session times will be during school hours). We are also looking to do some promotion with the shops and other services locally as well.</p> <p>The van will be available to all members of the community. In this first wave of sessions (May-July) we will be starting with free condoms, full STI screening, information and advice. If we find that the service is used well and there is a need from the community, we are then able to look at potentially expanding the service to do vaccines, treatment, etc.</p>	
4.	<p>Lung cancer Screening programme</p> <p>This is part of an NHS England nationwide programme, it has been trialled in other areas and will start in late 2025. The aim is to identify potential lung cancer in those who may be non-symptomatic.</p>	

	GP surgery will provide a list of patients aged 55-74 who are smokers or ex-smokers, they will be contacted on the phone by respiratory nurses from the service who will have a chat to them. Any patients deemed to be high risk will be invited for a CT scan in a mobile unit which will be based locally and results will go back to the GP so that any referrals that are required can be processed.	
5.	Patient recall and review system – we are working on aligning patient long term condition reviews so that all reviews can be done in one appointment during the patients birthday month. Over the next 12 months some patients may appear to be invited either earlier or later than they are expecting for their reviews, this is just until we get them all aligned.	
6.	<p>Social Prescribing Link Workers – They are non-medical prescribers who are based at Stocksbridge Leisure Centre, as well as doing some home visits they run drop in sessions at each surgery:</p> <p>Wednesdays – Deepcar 2-4  Thursdays – Oughtibridge 10-12  Fridays – Valley Medical 9-11</p> <p>They offer a range of support to people including help filling in forms for benefits, supporting isolated people with reassurance and meeting them at local community groups, advising people on what is available in the community.</p> <p>There is an asset register available of things that go on locally – it will be circulated with these minutes (bear in mind some of the events may not still be running) People should contact the leisure centre to let them know if groups are no longer running or if new groups are setting up.</p> <p>Patients can access social prescribers at the drop in sessions or by referral which can be either a self-referral via the JOY APP website or a referral from the GP.</p>	
<b>Patient Items</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Bridge Shop will open in its new location (The old Coffee Apple shop) on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. It will also be open for donations on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.</li> <li>- There is a petition which has been set up by the town council regarding proposed changes to bus services in 2027.</li> </ul>	
<b>Diary Dates</b>		
	TBC for July 2025	