

Valley Medical Centre
MEETING TYPE: Patient Participation Group
DATE: Wednesday 9th July 2025
TIME: 10.00AM

Attendees	Full Meeting: 2 Practice Staff, 8 patients	
Apologies	4 patients	
Introduction - Welcome to everyone – quick introduction of who everyone is		
Point	Minutes	Action
1.	<u>Matters arising from previous meeting</u> The new Bridge Shop has opened and is doing well.	
2.	<u>Mounjaro Injections</u> We currently only have about 20 patients who mee the criteria You might have heard on the media that weight loss injections can be prescribed by your GP from 23rd of June 2025 However, we are still waiting on local guidance on how this might be delivered in Sheffield, and it is not something we can prescribe right now The criteria to qualify is very strict, you must have: BMI of 40 or more (If your BMI is not above 40, you are not eligible) If BMI is above 40 then you will ALSO need to have been diagnosed with 4 out of the following 5 criteria: 1.Diagnosed hypertension 2.Diagnosed sleep apnoea 3.Diagnosed type 2 diabetes 4.Diagnosed cardiovascular disease 5.Diagnosed hypercholesterolemia Once we have any further updates, we will share them again with all our patients.	
3.	<u>Online Consultations</u> From the 1 st October 2025 the new GP contract states that we have to turn on online requests for medical queries. We are not currently looking at going to a total triage model and we are still looking into how our practice will best manage online medical queries. Some surgeries have successfully used volunteers to assist with the implementation of this where volunteers could support patients who are unsure how to fill in the request forms, we would not be able to use volunteers for the triage process due to data protection and insurance cover.	
4.	<u>Cancer Champion update</u> For the past 3 years we have had a cancer champion (A clinician within the network) who has been working across our Network promoting cancer screening. They have been to local schools, community events and groups as well as making posters to be displayed locally in hairdressers, pub toilets and community buildings. The uptake for screening in our Network is above the national figures. Unfortunately, the funding for the cancer champion has now ended but we will continue to promote screening. It was suggested that we could nominate the Cancer Champion for a Citizen’s award from the Stocksbridge Town Council, we have been in touch with them and the awards are given out in May each year so they will be in touch when they start collecting the next nominations.	
5.	<u>Staff PLI – Wednesday 17th September 2025 @ 1pm</u>	

	<p>Our next closure for staff training is on 17th September and we would like to invite PPG members to join our staff at a Macmillan Coffee afternoon where there will be chance to speak to staff members and do some fundraising for Macmillan.</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Staff Updates</u> We have a new Phlebotomist starting next week, she will be doing tests Mon-Fri 9.30-1.30. We have a medical student starting on 21st July We have a GP who is retraining after being out of practice for a few years starting with us on 28th July for 3 months (All day Monday, Thursday morning and all-day Friday) - <u>Pharmacy update</u> One of our pharmacists is on maternity leave and we are using some remote cover to do some of the pharmacy workload dealing with requests and medication reviews. - <u>Name badges</u> All staff have got new yellow “my name is...” name badges the same as the hospitals use, these have been found to be more accessible for dementia and neurodiverse patients. - <u>Healthtech1</u> We are going to start using a company called Healthtech1 to process our online registrations, they will register patients within 7 hours of them filling out the form and capture additional information such as NOK that the NHS automated service will not do. They will flag any concerns with us regarding the patients who are trying to register. This will free up time for our reception team who are currently processing the registrations. - <u>Sheffield Teaching Hospitals</u> A new computer system is being installed over the next few days, this will result in them being unable to access patient electronic records and has also meant the cancellation of some appointments. We have been told that this should not impact GP surgeries directly. The Minor injuries unit at the Hallamshire will be closed on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th July. 		
<p>Diary Dates</p>		
	<p>Wednesday 17th September 2025 – 1pm</p>	