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## PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MINUTES

**Thursday, 28 November 2019 - 6.30PM**

**Attendees:**

Alison Flannery – PM Wellfield Health Centre  
Jane Gaunt – PM Castleton Health Centre  
Amanda Clegg – RHA (Rochdale Health Alliance)  
Wellfield patients x 10  
Castleton patients x 8  
Kingsway patient x 1

Alison Flannery introduced everyone and thanked everyone for coming on a cold, dark evening.

Alison went on to explain that Amanda Clegg from Rochdale Health Alliance will be explaining the changes that are happening, and between us we will try and answer any questions anyone may have.

Some attendees had already heard the presentation at the previous meeting of existing patient group members but Alison went on to say that this meeting was an open invite to potential new members to support the changes

Amanda Clegg went through the presentation about the Primary Care Networks, explaining that there are 5 other networks in the Heywood Middleton and Rochdale area. She went on to say that NHS England have asked Practices to work in networks which would typically have a combined patient count of between 30,000 and 50,000. Canalside Primary Care Network has just over 30,000 patients.

Amanda Clegg went on to talk about the NHS long-term plan with the aim of developing integrated care systems with Primary Care Networks as the foundation of this. The aim would be the formation of local services that meet the needs of the local population. She then explained that different networks may have different health care needs and by working in their way will allow networks to develop a service suitable for its' cohort of patients.

There was a mention of improved access requirements across the network whereby patients would potentially -seen at other Practices within the network outside of contracted hours (8am-6.30pm).

It was mentioned that Dr Beth Schofield, Castleton Health Centre is the Clinical Director of our Network with Alison Flannery as the Network Chair.

There was a discussion about the role of the Clinical Pharmacist (not to be confused with the community pharmacies). Part of the role of the Clinical Pharmacist is seeing patients face-to-face for medication reviews and dealing with discharge summaries following discharge from hospital.

The role of the Social Link Prescribing Worker was also discussed (this person will have access to community services within the area and can help with such things as housing queries and benefits).

A patient from Wellfield health Centre asked if the PPG Locality meeting would continue as it is. At this present time, we are unaware of any proposed changes to this group and so assume it will continue.

Alison closed the meeting by thanking everybody for their attendance and circulated expression of interest forms to be completed and returned by patients interested in being kept informed of developments across the network and future patient forum meetings.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2020, at which a Chair and Vice Chair will be elected to move the group forward.