



PINN MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENTS' ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity No: 1095260

Minutes of Board Meeting held at the Pinn Medical Centre
Thursday 20 February 2020

Attendance

Joanne Daswani (Chair) - **JD**
George Bardwell (Secretary) - **GB**
Martin Grossman (Trustee) - **MG**
Nicky Heskin (Trustee) - **NH**
Phillip Snell (Trustee) - **PS**
Jenny Stephany (Trustee) - **JS**
Brian Yim Lim (Trustee) - **BYL**
Dr Jo Telfer (Associate Board Member) - **JT**
Prakash Daswani (Campaign Organiser) - **PD**
Dr Amol Kelshiker (Partner **PMC** - Items 1-4)
Dr Mehul Lakhani (Partner **PMC** - Items 1-4)

1 Apologies for Absence

Kevin Mahon (Vice Chair)
Anita Manek (Treasurer)
Jagdish Kapur (Trustee)

2 Introduction

Joanne Daswani, the Chair, noted that this was an emergency Board Meeting held to discuss developments on the Pinn Walk In Centre.

3 Walk In Centre Developments

It was noted that on the afternoon of Friday 7 February 2020 the Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had posted the following announcement on its website:

" We have been discussing the future of the walk in services at the Pinn Medical Centre with patients over the last few months. Having considered the feedback we have received, we can confirm that we will be working with the Pinn Medical Centre to maintain the provision of walk in services for all patients at the site".

The PMCPA and the PMC sought an urgent meeting with the CCG, and that meeting was held on Monday 10 February 2020. The meeting was attended by the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Campaign Organiser from the PMCPA; the four Partners and the Practice Manager of the PMC; and the Chair, Managing Director and other NHS colleagues from the CCG. At that meeting the CCG confirmed that their recent proposal to convert the Pinn Walk In Centre to a GP Access Centre was now rescinded. But they would not comment on the way in which the Walk In Centre was to be funded, or whether or not the proposed funding reduction of £500,000 a year over four years would remain in force. That remained to be negotiated. Although the CCG suggested a joint statement from all three parties to provide clarification of the

position, their draft of such a statement did not provide any basis on which the PMCPA or PMC could agree.

Following that meeting, and in response to a request from the Harrow Times, the PMCPA delegation issued the following statement:

“The Trustees of the Pinn Medical Centre Patients’ Association are pleased that the CCG has agreed to maintain the provision of walk in services for all patients. The CCG has confirmed to us, and to the Partners of the Pinn Medical Centre that the option of the Pinn Walk in Centre as a GP Access Centre is now off the table.

We await with great interest the outcome of future discussions between the CCG and the Partners on the key issues relating to the future funding of the WIC, which are yet to be negotiated.

We wish to thank all our supporters, particularly David Simmonds, Lord Daniel Finkelstein, Nick Hurd and Gareth Thomas, all whom have worked tirelessly in support of our campaign for keeping this very valuable service open for all patients in Harrow and surrounding boroughs.”

4 Presentation by PMC Partners

Dr Lakhani gave a presentation on the funding of the Pinn Walk in Centre and the PMC more generally. The presentation covered:

- The Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contract that partially funds the Walk In Centre;
- The Personal Medical Services (PMS) contract that funds consultations with patients registered at the Pinn, funding that is at risk;
- The fact that the Pinn provides 116,000 appointments a year - some 40,000 appointments a year above the Royal College of General Practitioners’ recommendation for a practice with 20,000 registered patients;
- The fact that if the funding cut is imposed the Walk In Centre would have to close and the additional appointments on offer would have to be withdrawn;
- And that if that were to happen it was clear that a very significant number of patients requiring attention would have to go to an Urgent Care Centre or A&E, at a considerable additional cost to the NHS.

Dr Lakhani also displayed examples of the frequent emails from the CCG entitled URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL GPs AND PRACTICE MANAGERS speaking of a five hour waiting time at Northwick Park A&E, and asking that patients be sent instead to the Pinn Walk In Centre (or the GP Access Centres at Alexandra Avenues and Belmont).

The Chair thanked Drs Kelshiker and Lakhani for attending the meeting.

5 Discussion by the Board

In discussion it was noted by the Board that, notwithstanding the CCG’s withdrawal of its proposal to convert the Pinn Walk In Centre to a GP Access Centre, if the funding position was not regularised there remained a risk that the Walk In Centre and the extended opening hours at the Pinn may have to close. That being so the Board agreed that the Chair should make renewed contact with David Simmonds MP and Gareth Thomas MP, and that the Secretary would prepare a News Item for the PMCPA Website giving the latest position. We would also ask the Partners to keep us closely in touch with their funding negotiations with the CCG - although the PMCPA did not expect to join in those negotiations.

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