

The Family Practice Western College Patient Participation Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Zoom: 9/12/2024

Present:

Jill White (JW) (Chair)	
Nick Benson (NB)	
Ann Nichols (AN)	
Sarah Udo-Affia (SU-A)	
Penny Dobson (PD) (Minutes)	
John Plumb (JP)	
Ian Goodenough (IG)	
Dr Mark Rush (MR) (GP)	
Kathy Turner (KT) (Business Manager)	

1. Apologies:

None	

2. Minutes of last Meeting (12/2/2024) and Matters Arising

These were approved.

3. Guest presentation: Emmeline Hunt, Primary Care Engagement Lead, Clinical Practice Research Data Link (CPRD)

The PPG is appreciative of Emmeline’s time – and that of her colleague, Dorinda – to give us an overview and update of the work of the CPRD, a national NHS body which is part of the Health Research Agency. Attached is a poster from the CPRD which will give the reader more information.

In essence, the CPRD, which is based in Canary Wharf and has about 100 employees, is the research arm of the NHS which collects GP Practice and other data to inform NICE (National Institute for Care and Clinical Excellence). NICE is the body which provides national clinical guidelines for all medical doctors/other practitioners. About one third of GP Practices across the UK are signed up to CPRD, including TFP

(The Family Practice), which signed up 10 years ago. Emmeline said that one third was a good representative sample. Nearly all these GP Practices use the system EMIS, which makes data collection easier for CPRD, rather than those using other data collection/computer systems.

Emmeline emphasised that all patient data is provided in an anonymised way at every stage; there is no risk that clinical data can be matched to an individual's identity.

There was a discussion about whether there was any value for the GP Practices in signing up to the CPRD programme. The signing up process is straightforward and costs nothing – and Practices can benefit financially by additionally signing up to participate in specific clinical trials eg the Atrial Fibrillation Study (called “Dare to Think” and based in Birmingham). Clinical trials do not directly involve patients, but they do involve the time of the nominated Practice GP, who provides details based upon patient notes.

All this information is useful as cross referencing to other datasets, such as those providing data for secondary care, public health data – and externally, national longitudinal patient data collection projects, such as Biobank.

It was asked whether the results of individual CPRD research projects are published? Not in detail, but there is a website with general information [Clinical Practice Research Datalink | CPRD](#) and each GP Practice can put a poster on their website to inform patients that the Practice has signed up.

Emmeline and Dorinda were thanked for their time and they said that they would be happy to give an update on another occasion.

4. Operation Manager's Report (KB)

KT reported that the number of DNAs (Do not attends) has gone down since the last meeting in September (nurses from 500 to 350 and doctors from 290 – 103).

Report Name: DNAs (Nurse) - Flu excluded SEP - NOV 2024

Patient Population: All Appointments

Patient Age

0-17	46
18-39	102
40-64	113
65 and older	<u>90</u>
	350

Report Name: DNAs (GP) – Flu excluded SEP - NOV 2024

Patient Age	
0-17	11
18-39	46
40-64	28
65 and over	<u>18</u>
	103

The Practice team was stable, although we are interviewing this week for a replacement senior nurse for the treatment room. The PCN vaccination programme went smoothly, although there has been a downturn in the numbers of people taking up the flu vaccine; this may be due to the increased access to this service from pharmacies.

5. AOB

None

6. Proposed dates of next meetings:

10/3/2025

9/6/2025

8/9/2025

8/12/2025

PD 11/12/2024