

Meeting: Primary Care Network (PCN) / Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meeting

Date/Time: 21 July 2026 at 1:30pm

Venue: Northway Medical Centre

1. Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed attendees and invited introductions.

Present:

Cicely Anne Lisa Ian Harvey Sue Christine Paula Leanne

Apologies Received: - Karen

+ Anne

+ June

+ Karen

- Joy

- David

Minutes taken by Ashleigh

Appreciation for Ella

The Chair formally recorded thanks to Ella for her significant contribution to the PCN and PPG. Members acknowledged her work in helping to coordinate activities and providing support.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

'Minutes were accepted.

- Discussion took place regarding follow-up information from previous guest speakers.

- Newsletter content had not yet been received from some presenters.

- Contact details for Chief Inspector Michael Sansbury to be shared to enable follow-up for newsletter contributions.

+ Presentation slides from Kathryn Banfield had previously been circulated. Actions:

+ Ashleigh to forward Michael Sansbury's email address.

+ Ian to follow up regarding newsletter content.

3. Fundraising Event Review Members reviewed the recent fundraising event.

Outcomes

- Approximately £167 raised for Alzheimer's Society.
- Additional donation made to the Motor Neurone Disease Association despite absence of a representative.
- + Positive support received from:
 - o Cosy Bean Café
 - o The local pub (gazebo provided)
 - o One Stop Shop representative
 - o Local businesses and community members

Discussion

- Event was considered a success.
 - Community engagement was strong, with visitors attending from the surgery and local area.
4. Presentation: Black Country Lung Cancer Screening Programme Presenter: Leanne, Assistant Programme Manager, Black Country Lung Cancer Screening Programme.

Key Information

- Lung cancer screening introduced in:
 - o Sandwell: February 2024
 - o Dudley: July 2024
- Government ambition is for nationwide availability by 2030.
- Currently operating as a nationally funded pilot programme. Eligibility

Patients must:

- + Be aged 55 to 74 years
- Be a current or former smoker
- Be registered with a participating GP practice

All Dudley GP practices are participating.

Screening Process

1. Invitation letter and text message sent.
2. Telephone risk assessment completed.
3. Risk score calculated.
4. High-risk patients invited for face-to-face assessment.

5. CT scan undertaken where appropriate.

6. Results sent to both patient and GP.

Programme Performance

Dudley screening programme is outperforming national averages. The programme is successfully identifying cancers at earlier stages when treatment options and outcomes are significantly better.

Members raised:

- Importance of providing website addresses and telephone numbers as alternatives to QR codes.
- Concerns regarding incorrect smoking status coding on patient records. - Possibility of broader eligibility criteria in future.
- + Importance of encouraging patients to respond to invitations.
- + Impact of screening administration on GP practice workloads. Leanne agreed to share:
- Presentation slides.

- Patient feedback report. - Contact details for cancer promotion leads.

Actions: - Leanne to share presentation materials and reports. - Newsletter article to be prepared using programme information.

5. Practice Updates

Northway Practice

- Regular PPG meetings continue.
- No major issues reported.

Ridgeway Practice

- Significant administrative workload experienced when screening programme commenced.
- + Increased volume of coding and processing of results. + Workload has now stabilised.
- + Positive uptake seen in:

0 AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm) Screening

o Breast Screening initiatives

6. Newsletter Development Members agreed that future newsletters should include health screening information. Suggested topics:

- Lung cancer screening
- Bowel cancer screening
- Breast screening

Oesophageal cancer awareness

- + Pancreatic cancer awareness
- + Men's health initiatives

Distribution Discussion

Newsletters currently shared through: - Practice websites

- Hard copies within surgeries
- PPG Facebook pages
- + Email circulation

Action: Develop a feature article on lung cancer screening for the next newsletter.

7. Future Speakers

Potential future speakers identified: October Meeting

- Mandy Brownhill

- Jayne Ford- Integrated Plus update

8. Men's Health Discussion

Members discussed opportunities to:

Promote men's health awareness.

+ Increase participation in screening programmes.

- Consider targeted awareness events focusing on specific health conditions.

AAA screening was highlighted as an example of successful engagement when services are delivered within local GP surgeries.

9. Any Other Business

- + Members encouraged continued promotion of screening programmes through community networks.

- + Discussion around improving communication and dissemination of health information within the PCN and PPG network.

The Chair thanked Leanne for an informative presentation and thanked all attendees for their contributions.

Actions Summary

Action Responsible Record formal thanks to Ella Secretary Share Mike contact details Ashleigh
Follow up newsletter content from previous speakers Ian

Circulate lung cancer screening slides and patient feedback report Leanne/Ashleigh

Prepare newsletter article on lung cancer screening Ian Explore future cancer awareness
presentations PCN/PPG Committee Share cancer promotion contact details from ICB Leanne

Meeting closed.