

Belvidere Patient Participation Group (BPPG) Meeting

On Skype 3pm 04/05/2022

Present Caroline (Practice Manager), Vicki, Julian, Jenny (Chair)

After the surprising news last week of Dr Teelucksingh resigning and only one partner remaining, Dr Leech decided Belvidere should move into the Health

It was good to have a conversation about the aims and proposed organisation of this momentous decision for the practice.

The practice is looking for another GP and also at other ways of working such as the practice pharmacist becoming more involved with seeing patients for medicine management and for minor problems.

Physiotherapists (known as First Contact) are becoming more available for various joint aches and pains and, because space is at a premium, patients may have to be seen at different local surgeries.

The Shrewsbury section of the Primary Care Network (PCN) is already working to supply enhanced services and with increasing pressures on the workforce this arrangement is likely to develop further ways with different specialists in Primary Care.

Obviously, the move is just a proposal at present and if approved is not likely to become reality for another three years. However, one does not have to look very far to see there is severe pressure on General Practice and without dramatic action Primary Care is in very serious danger of falling over.

We at Belvidere Patient Group are grateful for the early notice of this change to the practice and are mindful of the importance of feeding in constructive comments and realistic suggestions. This is an important time to be involved with your local NHS.

Anyone wanting to join a focus group on the development of the proposed Wellbeing Hub can find details at <https://nhs.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=164795973353>

Next Meeting 1st June, 3pm <https://join.skype.com/dPfObjbe2rjm>

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