**MINUTES OF PPG MEETING [AGM] 25th March 2025 VENUE: Number 65.**

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| **PPG Members Present** |
| Initials | Last Name | First Name | Organization Name | Present / Apol |
| JA |  |  | Brockway |  |
| CB |  |  | Brockway |  |
| MC |  |  | Long Ashton |  |
| DF |  |  | Backwell |  |
| BH secretary |  |  | Backwell |  |
| MK |  |  | Long Ashton |  |
| TM vice chair2 |  |  | Brockway |  |
| VM |  |  | Tower House |  |
| PN |  |  | Tower House |  |
| HO |  |  |  | Apologies |
| SP |  |  | Long Ashton | Apologies |
| PP |  |  |   | Apologies |
| AP |  |  | Tower House |  |
| ReR Treasurer |  |  | Brockway |  |
| BR |  |  | Tower House | Apologies |
| RR o Chair |  |  | Brockway |  |
| JR |  |  | Tower House |  |
| DT Vice chair |  |  | Tower House |  |
| HW |  |  | Backwell |  |
| RW |  |  | Brockway |  |
| PR  |  |  | General Mgr. TMG  | Apologies |
| GP |  |  |  |  |
| AC TMG Guest |  |  | Research Coordinator |  |

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| 1 | **MINUTES OF PPG Meeting 25th March 2025****Membership and Attendance**Apologies and those not present: See list above. We welcomed an additional new member Roger Watts.We welcomed Dr EM and Research Coordinator AC. |
| 2 | **Minutes from previous AGM (19/9/23) and Matters Arising** * Updated recruitment text circulated / accepted**. Format and distribution to be agreed. Committee**
* New Starter Pack, thanks to DF for input. **Committee to discuss**
* Member presence in surgeries; thanks to DF for input**. Committee discussion required**
* Notice for BP machine at Brockway **PR**
* ‘Availables’ and Retired & Senior Volunteer Programme. **PR**
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| 3 | **Research at Tyntesfield**We welcomed Dr EM and Research Coordinator AC to the meeting.Historically research has been the preserve of hospitals but there has been a growing acknowledgement of the need for GP based research practice impacting on the treatment of patients in primary practice.TMG has been active in this research sphere for many years and is acknowledged as a leader in the wider Southwest Central region, along with Wessex and Bath, attracting top tier funding. They are often asked to help other Primary Care networks to start and develop their research practices. GPs are well placed for research because of the richness of their patient data which is computerised. Research activity improves GP’s knowledge; TMG have a monthly learning meeting, and they are part of the GP Collaborative Research Group.Programmes can be initiated in several ways, for example via Academic GPs, via universities, via NHS England and other organisations, also by local research networks.TMG choose projects for participation depending on several factors:* Clinical question is relevant to TMG
* Ethically cleared
* Cost neutral
* Matches the range and specialisms at TMG.

Programme design, ethics, drive for wider inclusivity etc are organised at study level. Funding can be complex.Patient selection is based on medical records and patient alignment with study criteria, but participation is a personal choice, the research will have no impact on normal GP care, patients will be given a research schedule and every effort to support participation; expenses can be refunded. Patient confidentiality is guaranteed.There was some discussion about communicating results with participants; there is a time lag between closing the research and final publication; AC talked about a move to issuing summaries earlier to ‘close the loop’.A summary of past and current research projects is attached with the minutes. |
| 4 | **Financial Report**Total funds: £1352.40Designated funds: £1162.51Undesignated funds: £189.99The PPG is transferring our bank account from Lloyds to Nat West because of the imposition of charges. The transfer has been difficult and complicated because of a need for 2 signatories per payment but is almost complete. Our Professional Indemnity (PI) payment will be £99.96 on 5th April. The premium is the same as last year.We are expecting a payment of £600 in respect of the Age Without Limits event being managed by HO, the Wellbeing officer at NTC. |
| 5 | **Events and Activities**Feedback from the Youth Mental Health session. **Put forward until HO can attend, although Dr TB will be giving us wider information about Youth Health activities at a future meeting.**Age Without Limits: being organised by HO, this will involve Line Dancing and other activities in the Tythe Barn. Age Without Limits Day is 11th June and the event in the Tythe Barn will take place that week. More info to follow |
| 6 | **AOB:**MC asked about the impact of the removal of NHS England on primary care and PCNs. DR EM said it was too early to say but felt that it removed elements of complication.BH asked what PCNs were witnessing in terms of now supposedly joined up Health and Social Care provision. Dr EM thought that there were some better linkages at the local level but they weren’t seeing a great deal at higher strategic levels.Covid jabs: MC complimented TMG on the effective organisation of the Immunisation programme. There were questions about the need for a covid jab. JR pointed out that the text message sent out by TMG seemed to lack information and be bland in comparison to the email sent by the NHS; both can be seen as appendix 1 at the end of the minutes.MK asked whether with the increase in PPG members we could go back to having name cards on the table at meetings. Agreed, **RER to do.** |
| 8 | **NEXT MEETING**: Tuesday 22nd April**AT**: 7pm**MEETING LOCATION**: No 65 High Street  |

**Appendix 1: COVID MESSAGING: Local TMG V NHS**

**The Tyntesfield message is a TEXT**:-

 *You are eligible for a Covid spring booster vaccination.  To book or decline please use the link below or call 01275866761 from Monday 17th March..  To respond :*[*https://accurx.nhs.co.uk/c/p-a6kizh4h37*](https://accurx.nhs.co.uk/c/p-a6kizh4h37)*(expires in 7 days)*

**The NHS one is an EMAIL:-**

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|  From: **NHS Vaccination Invitations** <nhs.vaccination.invitations@notifications.service.gov.uk>Subject: Booking your NHS spring COVID-19 vaccine |

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|   |  You can book a free NHS spring COVID-19 vaccine because you are aged 75 or over (or will turn 75 soon).**How to get your COVID-19 vaccine**

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| * Book on the NHS App or online at [www.nhs.uk/book-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/book-vaccine)
* Find a walk-in site at [www.nhs.uk/covid-walk-in](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-walk-in)
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You should book before 17 June 2025. This is the final date to get your vaccination.**If you need support**If you can’t get online, phone 119. Translators are available. You can also use text phone 18001 119 or the NHS British Sign Language (BSL) service at [www.signvideo.co.uk/nhs119](http://www.signvideo.co.uk/nhs119).If you get your care at home, contact your GP surgery for a home visit. If they can’t arrange it, get support at [www.england.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination-contacts](http://www.england.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination-contacts).Other formats of this invitation are available. For easy read, audio, BSL and translations, go to [www.england.nhs.uk/seasonal-invites](http://www.england.nhs.uk/seasonal-invites).**Why the NHS is offering the spring COVID-19 vaccine**COVID-19 infections occur all year round and can be hard to avoid. It’s important you top up your protection because it fades over time and variants can change.People in your age group are at increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19. Having the spring COVID-19 vaccine will reduce your risk of severe symptoms. You can read more at [www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination).Yours sincerely,NHS England Vaccination TeamData Protection: NHS England is responsible for processing your personal data for the purposes of national vaccination programmes. To find out more, you can access our privacy notice at: [www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/privacy-notice](http://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/privacy-notice). If you have a question about this invite, go to [www.england.nhs.uk/invite-enquiry](http://www.england.nhs.uk/invite-enquiry). To opt out: [www.nhs.uk/covid-invite-preferences](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-invite-preferences). |   |
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