

Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th November 2025

At the Brixworth Surgery

17:30 hrs to 18:30 hrs

Attending Sarah Berry (Practice Manager), Paul Bold, Dr Julia Boon, Sue Brady (Vice Chair), Michael Brady (Treasurer), Keith Dobell (Chair), Ann Gray, Barbara Hogg (Secretary), Sue Marshall, Michael Parsons, Louise Smart, Rosemary Ward.

Apologies Marie Borrill, Sarah Farrell, Maggie Goodwin, Dorothy Hill, Dr Julia Railson, Barrie Sollars, Angela Tilston.

Matters arising from the minutes

- A comment that the service from Wells Pharmacy in Brixworth had improved and a reserve pharmacist had been appointed.
- The planned additional get and go fitness class has now started on Thursdays with an armchair yoga class planned on Mondays for starting in January.
- The walks are proceeding well with 23 attending last event including 6 new attendees. It was emphasised that these are fitness and social events with a walk followed by an opportunity for refreshment.

Practice News

- Dr Rob White has now joined the Practice as a full time Partner and will hold sessions on both sites on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Dr Nayomi Perera has now started her maternity leave and Dr Ling Wong will be covering for a 12 month period. Dr Wong has previously worked at the surgery and some patients may remember her.
- Cindy Cardell is now Operations Manager at Brixworth and Joanne Wade now is the Operations Manager at Guilsborough.

- The damage to the external wall of the pharmacy department was now being repaired after the damage caused by twice being struck by electric cars! Protective bollards will be included in the rebuild.
- The Practice has agreed to participate with other Northamptonshire practices and patient volunteers will be sought to enable evaluation of patient conditions, ages and other factors in various statistical analyses.
- The covid and flu immunisation programme has gone well and will continue for a little longer. The scheduling of the appointments appeared to have worked well and although appreciated the offer of help from SSPPG was not required. Should the group members know of those patients who are eligible and have not yet been through the process please urge them to do so now.
- The Practice will once again offer a raffle of Christmas hampers, proceeds to charity.

Treasurers Report

Repeat from the previous meeting, No activity in the recent past, the account stands at a balance of £284.17

Carers Meetings

- The Practice facilitates contacts with carers that they know about and those who have expressed a willingness to be included. Participation can continue when carers cease being a carer or can be deregistered.
- Appreciation was expressed for the information on the Carers website and those who attend and supervise the meetings.

Any Other Business

- Louise Smart is a volunteer for the Cinnamon Trust and explained what the charity does and was seeking support from the Practice to refer patients to the charity if relevant. The charity offers to look after patients' pets should the patient need to have surgery or other treatments. Patients can also bequeath pets in certain circumstances. The Practice has had patients who decline treatment as they had

nobody to look after their pet companions and should that be that situation the Practice undertook to make the patient aware of the charity.

- Some patients have received letters from Northampton General Hospital advising that a technical glitch in 2022/23 meant that some test results had not been circulated to some practices. The tests had been carried out however and an investigation had shown that all were satisfactory or normal. Any patients with abnormal results will have all been contacted separately by the hospital.
- CQC assessments are being carried out in the area, although the Practice had no knowledge of when they would be reviewed. Assistance from SSPPG would be appreciated at the next patient quality assessment questionnaire.
- The Saxon Spires Surgery Ageing Well team is preparing Christmas parcels for the elderly members of our community who would otherwise not receive a gift. Donations would be welcomed to help fill the parcels such as biscuits, sweets and chocolates. Donations can be dropped off at either surgery. ACTION: Post to Facebook.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

NOTE the time:

Tuesday 24th February 2026 – Brixworth Surgery at 5.30 pm.