**PPG PRACTICE UPDATE – THE VALLEYS MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP**

**April 2018**

**STAFF UPDATE**

* Moss Valley
	+ Dr Liz Woods (2 sessions per week) retired at the end of March 2018. We are currently trying to recruit a replacement (3 sessions per week). We are increasing the number of sessions at Moss Valley to ensure we have comparable resources across both sites (adjusted for practice list size). We hope this will have a positive impact on appointment availability (see below).
* Gosforth Valley
	+ There have been no staff changes since the last update.

**GP REGISTRARS & F2 DOCTORS**

* Moss Valley
	+ Dr Jesicca See (3rd year GP Registrar) is on a 12 month full time placement and is due to complete her training in August 2018.
	+ Dr Guneet Deepak (3rd year GP Registrar) is on an 18 month placement from December 2017 to May 2019.
	+ Dr Amy Whitehead (Foundation year 2 doctor) is on a 4 month placement from April 2018 to August 2018
* Gosforth Valley
	+ Dr Maria Roberts (2nd year GP Registrar) is on a 4 month placement at the practice from April 2018 to August 2018.
* New academic year August 2018
	+ Both practices currently have a guarantee of 2 registrars (2nd & 3rd years) for the full 12 months
	+ 1st years have not yet been allocated.

**ACTIVE SIGNPOSTING**

* Some staff have attended the planned training provided by the CCG. Some of the sessions were cancelled, but we have withdrawn the remaining staff from the training due to poor feedback.
* Instead, we are concentrating on internal training utilising the regular monthly practice training afternoons and additional meetings with key admin staff & GPs to focus on learning from experience.

**APPOINTMENT AVAILABILITY**

* Both practices have suffered deterioration in appointment availability in recent months. This has been due to:
	+ Bank holidays
	+ Higher than normal GP leave
	+ GP Registrar changeover
	+ Decrease in number of registrars at both practices
	+ Additional unplanned time off for a GP Registrar (Moss Valley)
	+ Retirement of Liz Woods (Moss Valley)
* Patients at Moss Valley are struggling to adjust to the removal of same day bookable slots. But, evidence shows that most patients demanding same day access do not need to see a doctor at all!

**EXTENDED OPENING**

* A proposal to provide the service from October 2018 has been submitted to the CCG; we are awaiting their response.
* We are unable to provide staff or patients with any details until our plan has been accepted.

**SAFETY FLOORING**

* Work has now been completed to upgrade the flooring in 7 consulting rooms (4 at MV; 3 at GV) to a standard acceptable to the Care Quality Commission. We received a grant for £5700 to fund this, with an additional cost to the practice of £1500.
* Practices are being asked to replace all carpeted consulting room floors with vinyl safety flooring.

**EXTERNAL PAINTING**

* The front of the building at Moss Valley will be painted in August 2018. There will be a small amount of disruption as we will need to have scaffolding erected.

**FUNDING**

* The recent announcement by the government to award a 6% increase to NHS workers over a 3 year period does not apply to General Practice.
* The negotiations for general practice are independent from this and so far we have been awarded the equivalent of a 1% increase for 2018-19. This does not allow us to make any substantial increase to our staffing levels.
* It is likely that some funding streams will be removed this year as the CCG tries to balance its books.