

Friends of the Ridgeway Surgery
PPG meeting minutes
1st April 2025 at 6:30pm

1. Present:

Ella Thompson
Dr Girish Narasimhan
Cicely Thomas
Lisa Rosewarne
Anne Wakefield
Ian Campbell
Roy Dore
Wendy Rigby
David Jones

Apologies:

Adam Aston, Naomi Joy Powell, Karen Evans

Minutes taken by: Ashleigh Dodd

2. Minutes of last meeting

- No problems with minutes from last meeting
- DNA's mentioned in last minutes – still high figures but Ella states the surgery is addressing this a bit more now by getting the staff to ring patients who have not attended their appointment. It was suggested data regarding DNA's and the amount it costs the surgery is put into the newsletter.

3. Dr Girish

Dr Girish attended the meeting to discuss the new proposed practice boundary. ET sent the original boundary map and the planned boundary map to members prior to the meeting. GN explained that the practice, back in 2012, had a much bigger practice boundary area and since this time, it has been made smaller but the plan now is to extend it.

He explained that as part of this proposal, the surgery has to follow a plan of public engagement as laid out by the ICB. This involves meeting and discussing the plans with PPG members and collating feedback via forms and the survey. CT kindly offered to hand out the survey to patients. The boundary information will be going on the surgery website shortly and hard copies will go up in the waiting rooms.

Dr Girish answered questions with regards to parking, staff capacity and the size of the building. The increase in patient population should not have much of an impact, as hopefully it will be a gradual increase. This boundary extension will give people more choice. GN agreed to write a small piece about this for the newsletter and also write a report for the PCN PPG on the 15th as he can't be present.

4. PPG Contract – Karen Evans & Ella

Karen kindly edited the PPG contract as per previous meeting. As Karen was not present, Cicely will add to the agenda to be discussed at the next PCN and Ridgeway meeting. ET to send a copy to everyone prior.

5. Newsletter

Ian asked everyone to get contributions over to him ASAP for the next newsletter as he hopes to get this out by the end of April. Suggestions so far:

- GN to write a piece about the new surgery boundary
- Information regarding spring covid boosters
- Craig, Paramedic to be asked to write a short piece about his role
- Information regarding the NHS app day
- DJ to write a piece regarding his walk for Autism

6. Roadshow report

CT updated the group about the success of the Roadshow and the feedback it had. Everyone commented that it went really well. She is hoping that the next one will be at The Greens and GN stated that he is more than happy to support this idea. It may need more funding as they are hoping for leaflets to be posted to the houses within the area. Recruitment stalls and health and equality promotion to be in attendance. CT has an upcoming meeting and will pass on comments – hopefully will be around June/July time.

7. Surgery report

Ella gave the group recent surgery updates. Dr Emma Spiller will be returning from maternity leave as a partner. Dr Lewis will also be covering. Dr Foster has now retired.

Nurse Laura Dooley is leaving and the surgery is currently advertising for a new nurse.

Covid Booster vaccinations are starting this week.

8. AOB

- NHS digital app day is taking place on Friday 25th April

Dates and times of future meetings:

Friends of Ridgeway surgery – Ridgeway PPG – all at Ridgeway, starting 6.30pm

3rd June

2nd September

4th November

PCN PPG – all at 1.30pm, Northway Medical Practice

15th April

8th July

7th October

6 Jan 2026

Thank you to everyone for attending.