**Central Surgery PPG - Virtual Meeting 24 May 2021 by MS Team**

Present: Christine Lloyd, Margaret Treadway, John Vousden, Rattan Rattan, Clyde Sanders, Barbara Riebold, Vivian Mangan, Chris Gasper, James Irlam, Dr Irlam.

Apologies: Julie Chambers

**Covid Vaccinations**

The vaccination programme is going well with patients sent a link to sign in for a vaccine. The age range 18 – 30 are more reluctant to be vaccinated. The Phizer vaccine can be stored for up to 30 days in a normal fridge. Southend has been offered more vaccines and the PCN is doing well, vaccinating down to the age 18 approved by the CCG.

**Central Surgery**

Members asked when the surgery could be opened as usual. This will depend on the number of vaccinations increasing. Restrictions are still necessary. It takes nurses ½ hour to clean up between each patient.

There are now 4telephone lines coming into the surgeryand 6 available to ring out. Half of appointments are made in advance. The possibility of booking appointments 4 days in advance is being considered.

Members appreciated that new staff have been recruited forming a bigger admin and reception team. 4 staff had been recruited recently and one was on maternity leave.

**Blood Tests**

Blood tests are available at Southend Hospital, in the Covid Vaccination centre, Car park H.

It was hoped to provide a blood testing service in East Southend when premises are available.

**PCN**

A PCN Pharmacist is available to see patients for a medical review.

Dr Irlam would support a PCN Patient Representative Group to look at the development of services throughout Eastern Southend.

**CCG Patient & Community meeting 20 April**

Draft minutes of the meeting had been circulated. Not all PPGs had met and it had been agreed that the work of PPGs and how they should work with PCNs would be considered.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting was proposed to be 1.00 PM on Monday 24 May by MS Team.