

Minutes of the meeting of the Wootton Medical Centre (WMC)
Patient Group

held at the Wootton Community Centre Jubilee Room
on Monday 20th April 2026

Present:

Patient Representatives: Phil Jones (Chair); Gill White (Minutes); Dorothy Faulkner

WMC Representative: Alison Matthews

Denton PPG Secretary: Kevin Hewitson

1. Apologies for Absence

Lisa Marotta; Jean Penny

Kevin was welcomed from Denton PPG

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- .4 The scrolling text in the WMC waiting room has been updated
- .5 Annual medical reviews are syncing with birthdays
Patients have 3 opportunities to accept the invitation for review
- .6 **PJ** asked for assistance in linking Facebook to Instagram
- .7 AM had no update on the newsletter
DF reported that the WMC website has been updated

The minutes were agreed as a true record

3. Updates and news from the Practice

- **AM** is working towards the Gold Carers Award. 4% of patients are required to be registered as unpaid carers, a few more need to register to reach 4%. Support is offered to carers, e.g. flu vaccine, flexible appointments. All staff have annual training.
- **PJ** suggested an article for Wootton Matters to encourage unpaid carers to register
- There will be an annual review of Anima.
PJ to ask **LM** for a copy of the review
- Telephone calls are reducing but phones are still busy
- The meningitis outbreak has calmed nationally

4. Kevin Hewitson, Denton PPG

- Denton PPG was established in 2002 and covers 15 villages with 6,500 patients. Kevin outlined details of the surgery including the number of

doctors, nurses and reception staff. The PPG has 12 members meeting once a month

- The surgery has scales and a blood pressure machine available to patients
- The surgery has its own dispensary where patients can collect their prescriptions. Alternatively, they have a 'pharma-self' which can be accessed from outside the practice using a code to open a locker
- The surgery does not use Anima. Patients telephone for appointments or can book appointments 6 weeks in advance on-line
- There are 7 hubs linked to Denton and if there are no appointments are available there may be a possibility at an alternative hub. There is continuity of care for long term illness allowing patients to see the same GP
- In 2024 the Corkill Award was achieved
- The PPG has formed a voluntary transport scheme taking patients to various appointments
- There is a small 'books for sale' for £1 per book which raises a small amount of money and the PPG applies for various grants
- Regular forums are organised offering advice and support on illnesses e.g. dementia, prostate cancer

5. Agewell sessions update

- To date, these sessions have been very poorly supported

6. Facebook page, Wootton Parish Council AGM, Denton Forum

- Facebook page currently has 236 members
- The WPC AGM is on Wednesday 29th April. Mike Reader MP will be attending. **PJ suggested** approaching him to talk about a local walk-in centre as an alternative to patients travelling to Corby or MK.
- The next Denton forum is also on 29th April – unfortunately no one is able to attend from Wootton PPG due to attending our AGM. Kevin will advise us of their next forum in October.

7. Any other business

- There is no progress on a monitor for the surgery
- Dementia tea/coffee sessions for patients and carers

8. Date of next meeting

Monday 20th July at 12 noon in the Jubilee Room