**BLOXWICH MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

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As in previous years, the group has continued to work with the practice in providing an appropriate service to patients.

Liaising with staff on encouraging patients to enrol in the online patient access facility has seen the uptake rise to nearly 40%. There is still much to do and every opportunity to recruit patients will be taken.

Several Awareness Days were organised during the year. In conjunction with the national event, Dementia awareness was promoted. A PPG Awareness Day was held and also a Cupcake Day which raised £81.25p and donated to Alzheimer’s Society Charity.

Julie Hykin, Vice Chair, became the patient representative for the MacMillan Steering Group as a practice Cancer Champion. She discussed this in PPG meetings and consequently, Dr Brand enrolled the practice in the Cancer Champions Project with Dr Alam and Sue Allen, receptionist, having the relevant training.

Like many other groups in Walsall, improving the age profile remains a problem. Varying the time of PPG meetings failed to increase attendance.

Trevor Hancock

Chairman PPG

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