**WALKER MEDICAL GROUP**

**VIRTUAL PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING**

**HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2021**

Present: Brian Doyle

 Janet Carmichael

 Patients x 3

Vaccine Update

The vaccines being rolled out for our practice is manufactured by Pfizer which is difficult to store and move. Therefore the Federation is using two centres, The Eagle Centre and The Racecourse. Allocation of times and number of appointments is given by the Federation and are now coming through on a regular basis so far. The Oxford vaccine is being given at the Centre for Life at the moment where people have been able to book once they receive a letter from the government. The clinically ill and over 70s can now be done but our over 80s who have not been offered the vaccine yet is 150.

It has now been found out that they can get six vaccines out of a vial rather than five so the extra vaccine is going to clinicians in the first instance as easier to reorganise if the 6th dose is not available.

There is now a bus service coming to the practice and taking patients to the Racecourse or Eagle Centre. This was something the practice was keen to happen.

The Federation has been told that the practice would be happy to give the Oxford vaccine at the practice.

The city as a whole is doing extremely well. Most care home staff and occupants have been vaccinated.

AP said that he and his wife were happy that they were able to be vaccinated together.

Hospital figures are high at the moment but manageable. Everyone who has had the vaccine will still have to keep safe and behave as if they have not. It is very positive what is being done but is early days. The Federation is working hard to get the vaccine to people and hopefully there will be enough available.

If the practice is able to give the Oxford vaccine we would try and do it outside of current working hours and still open for business as usual.

AR asked if the PCN were still working. BD stated yes they were but very much involved with the provision of vaccines which is taking priority. They are still looking at bringing in new services. The practice now has a pharmacist and looking at getting a social prescriber full time. It has been talked about having a PPG for PCN but this is on the backburner at present.

AR said she was concerned that as time goes by people will be getting other interests and will lose interest in the PCN. BD to put forward at the PCN meeting tomorrow.