**Minutes PPG Meeting 14th June 2022**

**Attendees** ID, JP, IW, PH, MS, JD, JW

**Guest Speaker**s Ian Whiteside from Beacon counselling trust

**Apologies**- CH, PG

JP welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the apologies.

Dr Misterek, Dr Suntha & Dr Urkel attended the meeting to introduce themselves to the group. We will continue to do this when clinicians are available to do so.

Ian Whiteside is the early intervention programme manager at Beacon Trust and he provided a presentation on the services offered by Beacon Trust. The support available is for those struggling with gambling and their families. BCT operates as part of the national gambling treatment service.

In brief, Beacon offer professional support a specialist services to anyone experiencing gambling relating harms aged 16 and above. Beacon are a charity who offer a low to moderate mental health service.

The services are completely confidential, and the specialist practitioners provide evidenced based models of care. Beacon also fully understand the impact of gambling to those close to people who experience gambling related harm and therefore support is also available to families.

Gambling can affect all ages and gambling has unfortunately increased during the covid 19 pandemic.

The gambling act is currently under review. On**9 December 2020**, the Government published a review into the Gambling Act. The review’s objectives were to examine whether changes were needed to the act, to ensure balance between consumer freedoms and prevention of harm to vulnerable groups, and to make sure customers are suitably protected when gambling.

Ian gave some case studies to the group evidencing the excellent work done with Beacon.

JP provide a brief update from meetings attended with the CCG

* Integrated care board – goes live live from 01st July 2022. ICB is the new integrated care system for greater Manchester at which point 10 clinical commissioning groups in Greater Manchester will cease to exists and Wigan is one of these. The ICB board will be responsible for the allocation of, and accounting for NHS resource. It will fulfil primary and secondary care commissioning functions and it will create a plan for NHS services. As a result G.P practices will not be affected in the short term.
* Healthwatch a number of projects are being worked on with the PCN’s including M.H and care homes. Meetings are attended by care home managers in order to create engagement actions.

All attendees were thanked for their time in attending the meeting.

**Dates and times for future meetings**

Members prefer the meeting being held at the practice so we will continue with this.

Date of next meeting to be circulated.