**Minutes PPG Meeting 5th April 2022**

**Attendees** BW, JP,PD,PH,MS,JD,SW,ID

**Guest Speaker**s Stevie Watson Pride in Practice Coordinator- Greater Manchester

**Apologies**- CH,PG,

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

1. Stevie provided a presentation to the group which was a summary of the training the practice staff had recently undertaken as part of the pride in practice award we are working towards.

In brief, Pride in Practice is a training and accreditation programme that seeks to address LGBT inequalities in primary healthcare. The programme is fully funded for primary care practices in Wigan by the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, so it is free to Beech Hill Medical Practice or any other surgery wanting to take part.

Pride in Practice training provides information on LGBT inequalities in healthcare and best practice guidance to develop staff’s confidence with providing inclusive care. It is also an opportunity for staff to ask any questions they have about LGBT healthcare. The training takes about one hour. Training is open to all practice staff both clinical and none clinical

Beech Hill Practice is currently working toward a Pride in Practice Award which has been endorsed by the Royal College of GPs and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. The accreditation is based on a short conversation during which reviews what the practice is already doing to support LGBT patients, and a review of key practice documents and policies. Then work together to create a plan for further development, and the practice be presented with either a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Pride in Practice Award.

All Pride in Practice registered practices also benefit from ongoing support in the form of an account manager who can be contacted for anything to do with LGBT healthcare.

JP provide a brief update from meetings attended with the CCG

* Integrated care- is currently waiting for approval in July. This is the new system which will be in place which will replace the CCG
* Healthwatch a number of projects are being worked on with the PCN’s including M.H for carers and addictions, it has been noted this has been highlighted due the pandemic.

It was suggested that some of the newer G.P’s attend the next meeting where possible to meet the group.

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.