**Minutes PPG Meeting 7th December 2021**

**Attendees** PC,JP,ID,MM,BW,GS,PD JW

**Guest Speaker**s Mike Mills Primary Care Liaison Coordinator.

**Apologies**- MS,PH,CH,JD

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

1. Mike introduced himself and started by sharing that all Wigan Practices have been invited to take part in the accreditation, which ensures practices are armed forces friendly.
2. Mike spoke about the support available to ensure that as many veterans come forward in order that healthcare providers register the veteran’s status to ensure veterans are not disadvantaged from accessing the appropriate services.
3. It enables veterans to benefit from veteran specific services
4. Ensure veterans and their families and carers can access support for any challenges or complex issues they may face.

**JP provided a brief update from the locality meetings**

Screening

As a group we discussed the importance of screening for patients in the relevant category. The members who attend the locality groups have been involved in discussions of the work that is taking place to actively encourage the participation to the relevant screening programmes due to the numbers that have fallen due to the pandemic.

* Cytology
* Breast screening
* Bowel screening

Are the main areas of focus. Practice are being supplied with their data for screening in each area and have been discussing collectively what actions can be taken to continually increase participation. Social media has very much become an avenue to deliver important communications and messages to vast numbers of people. This allows us to reach patients who previously would not have received such messages.

Changes

The changes that are taking place with the integrated care system are with the aim of delivering the right care are the right time in the right places.

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.