



**Minutes of the meeting held at the
Community Room, Morrisons, Wellington Road,
Burton, DE14 2AR on Thursday 12th February 2026,
between 13.00 and 15.00**

1. Present

SAR	Chair East Staffs District Patient Engagement Group, (Tutbury Patient Forum)
JB	Vice Chair East Staffs District Patient Engagement Group, (Tutbury Patient Forum)
SG	(Yoxall PPG)
CR	(Bridge PPG)
IJ	(Carlton Group PPG)
EM	(Alrewas PPG)
SMcK	(Trent Meadows PPG)
RB	(Trent Meadows PPG)
DB	Healthwatch Staffordshire
MA	Community Development Officer Health Inequalities East Staffordshire

2. Welcome

The Chair, SAR, welcomed everyone to the meeting. A welcome was also given to MA of Support Staffordshire. For the benefit of MA everybody introduced themselves.

RB suggested that people have name badges and JB will organise JB informed the members present on the sad news that DM, Bridge PPG, had sadly passed away recently.

3. Apologies

The Vice-Chair/Secretary, JB, has received the following apologies:

BJW	(Tutbury Patient Forum)
KL	(Peel Croft PPG)
CD	(Trent Meadows PPG)

LT	(Carlton Group PPG)
DH	(Tamworth PPG)
JW	(Barton PPG)
DM	East Staffs Primary Care Community Manager
RB	East Staffs PCN Research & Support Manager

4. AGM

The meeting began with the Annual General Meeting, details below.

5. Look Back on 2025 and Treasurers Report

As this was the first meeting of 2026 the Vice-Chair, JB, gave a slide presentation on the Group activities throughout 2024. Below is a copy of the slides.



<https://www.districtpatientsgroup.org/>

Look Back on 2025

Frequency of Meetings

- We continued to hold both face-to-face meetings.

The face-to-face meetings were changed from bimonthly to every six weeks and the meetings were held within the Community Room at Morrisons Burton

The times for the meetings changed to a 1pm start and 3pm finish.

Membership

- The membership consists of representatives from those surgeries within East Staffordshire that have Patient Participation Groups. It also includes a representative from a Tamworth surgery PPG.

During the year the following East Staffordshire PPGs were represented

Tutbury

Peel Croft

Alrewas

Trent Meadows

Yoxall

Barton

Bridge

Carlton Group

Mill View

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Membership

- There are 18 surgeries within East Staffordshire, but we only have seen representation from 9 surgeries. To our knowledge the situation regarding the other 9 surgeries is as follows:

Winshill - Has a PPG

Dove River - Has a PPG

Gordon Street - Uncertain

Stapenhill - No PPG

Northgate - No PPG

Balance Street - Has a PPG

Abbotts Bromley - Unsure

All Saints - No PPG

Wetmore Road – No PPG

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Membership

- There is concern going forward due to the following reasons,
From our current membership we are aware that
Alrewas has only one member
Wetmore Road folded
Mill View, membership of one person who retired May 2025.
Barton only has one member and little impetus from the surgery
Membership needs to be a top priority for 2026
- In addition, the Group also has at its meetings representatives from:
Healthwatch
Support Staffordshire
East Staffordshire Primary Care Network

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Speakers

Throughout the year the following speakers gave presentations

- Debbie Melling, East Staffs Primary Care Network, Community Manager
- Nat Staples Ops Service Co Ordinator Burton Acute Medicines Unit Queens Hospital and Alison Betteridge, Patient Experience
- Jan Harrison of Trust Wills
- Vicky McTeer of Specialist Dyslexia Services

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Meetings

- The meetings follow an agreed agenda which has standard set items and inputs from:

Healthwatch – receive reports and updates on the Ambulance Service, NHS Care Review, Focus Group work, Deep Dives, Enter and View, ICB reviews and updates, and the Healthwatch Staffordshire Annual Report.

Support Staffordshire – Funding Streams, Community Activities, The Locality Forums, Video Initiative for groups, Grant availability, Issues raised by voluntary groups, (form filling).

Primary Care Network / Research – Regular updates on the work being carried out by the PCN, Research Opportunities, COVID and Flu Vaccinations, and other valuable information

East Staffs and Surrounds Diabetes UK Patient Network – Full reports given

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Additional Information

- We continue being members of the Patients Association which produce weekly newsletters that have been distributed to all members.
- The current Vice Chair / Secretary is also the Chair of the East Staffs and Surrounds Diabetes UK Patient Network, and some Forum members are involved with the network.
- The current Chair and Vice-Chair / Secretary are the Voluntary Services Representatives on several Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board work streams.

This enables the voice of the patient to be heard at levels where local health decisions are made.

Additional Information

- At each meeting we have a section on Patient Stories. Where necessary these are escalated to appropriate organisations with a request for a response. During 2025 there were concerns raised around A&E Queens Hospital Burton.
- Raised wheelchair issues within the community resulting in the intervention of the MPs and success outcome for a resident in East Staffordshire.
- The Group initially received no funding. In January applied for a grant under the East Staffs Borough Council Community Fund. This was successful.

Additional Information

- As previously mentioned, both the Chair and Vice-Chair sit on various ICB Health Streams as the Healthy Communities voluntary sector representatives. It was agreed that payment should be made for this work. Each has this payment paid into the District Group and ESSDUKPN accounts so as to enable financial security
- Our thanks go to Chris Darby for keeping our website updated throughout the year
- The Constitution was revised and reissued in May
- The Group continues to be members of Support Staffordshire
- Attend the UHDB Patient Participation Group

The Vice-Chair gave a verbal presentation on the Group finances as of the 31st of December 2025. Due to the confidential nature of the topic the finances will not be shown in these minutes or on the website. All those present had no issues regarding the look back on 2025 and the finances.

Following the presentations the those present thanked the Chair and Vice Chair on their work throughout 2025. It was suggested by RB, Trent Meadows that to assist the officer's consideration should be given to someone shadowing them and assisting where possible. These had been previously discussed with KL offering to do this.

6. Election of Officers to serve throughout 2026.

Under section 7 of the District Group Constitution, it states that:

- The group will be chaired by a PPG representative, known as the Chair. There also will be an elected Vice Chair and Secretary.

- The above officers will be appointed annually by the group. This normally will take place at the first meeting of the year.

Prior to the meeting the Vice-Chair had forwarded nomination forms to all members for the positions due for election

The Vice-Chair informed those present that, apart from the existing officers, he had received no other nominations. The Chair asked if there was anyone who wished to put themselves forward? No one was wanting to. The members asked if the existing officers would be willing to continue. Under section 7 of the Constitution it states:

- If after the 3 years' continuous tenure, in an elected position, there is no other PPG representative wishing to stand for that position the members can re-elect the current incumbent if that person is willing to stay in that position.

The existing officers, SAR and JB, were willing to continue in office so those present were asked to vote for:

Chair: Susan Adey- Rankin.

Result: Unanimous Agreement

Vice-Chair/Secretary/Treasurer: John Bridges,

Result: Unanimous Agreement

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair thanked everyone for their support and accepted to serve in those positions throughout 2026.

For the records Chris Darby had been asked if he was happy to continue looking after the website. He had indicated that he was happy to do so, and the members agreed, thanking him for the work done throughout 2025. As a mark of appreciation for the work CD does for the District and Tutbury Practice Patient Forum, TPPF, websites a donation was given in the form of an Amazon voucher. All present, as with the TPPF were in full agreement with the donation made. The voucher will be delivered to CD. (CD was able to attend for the last few minutes of the meeting and the

voucher was handed over to him. CD was extremely grateful and wished his thanks to be recorded and sent to the TPPF.

7. Constitution:

The Vice-Chair, JB, indicated that at the AGM it was necessary to review the constitution. It was agreed that there was no need to amend the constitution to that what was undertaken in May 2025.

With there being no further business the Chair closed the AGM

8. Minutes of the Meetings held on 23rd October 2025

The Vice Chair indicated that due to the December meeting being the afternoon tea at Branston the minutes referred to are those from the 23rd of October 2025. There were no issues raised, and the minutes were accepted as a true record.

9. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There are no matters arising that will not be covered by the agenda.

10. Action Log Update

(i). Speakers for 2025

- Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care Board, SSOTICB.

Action still ongoing although will now be in 2026

Update 12th February 2026 It was agreed that with all the changes taking place with the SSOTICB there would not be anyone available for several months, so this action was closed

(ii). Additional Patient Representation at the District Meetings

The Vice Chair indicated that arrangements still have be made to visit Alrewas, Rocester and Gordon Street surgeries they were on his agenda. Another way of promoting the group would be having the opportunity to speak to both the East Staffs Primary Care Network and Practice Managers monthly meetings. RB, East Staffs PCN Research & Support Manager, said she would raise this at both August monthly meetings.

Action Update. Due to summer holidays the meetings did not take place in August so the request will roll over to the September/October meetings.

Action Update 21st October Still outstanding.

Action Update 12th February 2026. Alrewas, All Saints, Stapenhill and Gordon Street surgeries have been sent an email to arrange a meeting As yet there has been no response.

In terms of Rocester an initial meeting was held in November, and a meeting was held with both the surgery and interested patients who had expressed an interest in a PPG. Input was given by the District Vice-Chair, JB, and previous Rocester representative KB. They agreed to hold a further meeting the following week to take the matter forward and they were invited to the District Group meeting on the 12th of February 2026.

(iii). No Smoking at Queens

A patient story raised the issue of people smoking around the entrance to Queens hospital and the Trust response. It was agreed to get further clarification on the topic.

Action Update: The Vice Chair has checked the Trusts Policy, and the topic has been raised at the Trust PPG meetings in November.

Update 12th February 2026. The issue has been raised with the Trusts Smoke Free working group and work is going on to clarify current policy direction and potential Government changes which is to include vaping. It was raised again at the UHDB Patient Group meeting on 10th February. The situation is not confined to just Queens but also Derby Royal and any changes will affect all Trust sites. The Vice Chair informed the District members that he had visited the Queens site twice during w/c 2nd February. There had been a marked improvement in the cleanliness of the area, and he had only seen one person who was vaping.

(iv). Temporary A&E waiting Room at Queens Hospital, Burton

Following issues and discussions at the District Group meeting Regarding the chaotic conditions at the temporary waiting room facilities at A&E, Queens the issue was raised at the November UHDB Patient Group meeting citing all the issues and that it was now a totally unacceptable situation.

Action Update Following the meeting with UHDB the issues were raised with the Non-Executive Directors and Governors. Recently, the new waiting area has been opened although there are mixed reviews. This is going to be investigated.

Update 12th February. The Vice Chair visited the area on 3rd February. Although there was a huge improvement on the previous situation there were still some concerns. The topic was discussed at the UHDB

Patient Group meeting on 10th February which also was attended by Governors. Going forward they are to plan a visit to the area. In addition, DB of Healthwatch is in contact with the Trust to arrange an Enter and View visit for later in February.

(v). Discharge Issues at Queens Hospital, Burton

The minutes gave a patient story around issues experienced at the Discharge Ward in Queens. This led to a complaint and meeting with the Discharge Team Manager to discuss. It was recognised that there is little or no information on discharge for patients and their families. She is designing a leaflet and JB asked if the District Group could see the draft and comment from a patient viewpoint. This was readily accepted and when received will be distributed to the District Group patient representatives for feedback.

Action Update This was done w/c 27th October. All feedback received was passed on to the Discharge Team at the Afternoon tea on the 4th of December.

Action 12th February. It was agreed that the Discharge Team would be contacted to get an update. Action still ongoing.

11. University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust PPG Meeting, UHDBPPG, 12th February 2026

As several references were made in the action log above to the UHDBPPG a further update relating to the meeting was given to the District members present.

- The blood clinic at Queens was discussed. Overall, both staff and patients approve of the resiting to the rear of the Treatment Centre. This took place in January 2025 as the previous facility was needed at the temporary A&E triage centre. The issue is access and car parking. Suggestions have been put forward to the Trust via the UHDBPPG and the Trust Quality Committee. One of these is to remove some of the bollards near the main entrance to the Treatment centre allowing cars to access the car park next to the blood clinic. Naturally strict car parking rules should be introduced with a max 20min stay before being fined. In addition, changes are being made to allow access by the hospital “buggy” system although this alone will have little impact.
- Ground Floor lift opposite the pharmacy at Queens which gives access to first floor outpatient departments and the discharge lounge. At the meeting JB reported that this lift was out of action and had been for some time. On investigating further, he had been told the service

contract hadn't been renewed due to ban on spending. This causes issues for patients having to go to another lift at the end of the long corridor and then back again. Question, what happens if this lift goes down! This is going to be urgently investigated.

- JB informed the Trust that he noticed that the room previously used for A&E triage at Queens now had a sign saying Primary Care Hub? No one appeared to be aware of this, and it would be investigated and reported back on
- There was a presentation on the role of the Trust Governors.

12. Patient Stories

- JB had received a telephone message earlier that day from KL, Peel Croft, concerning a patient on Ward 8 at Queens. Hadn't got all the details but will follow up with KL.

13. PPG Updates

The following report had been received and sent out prior to the meeting.

(i). Tutbury PPG

- Last meeting held on 15th January 2026.
- Started with the AGM, look back on 2025 and election of officers to serve throughout 2026.
- Agreed all the Aims and Objectives for 2026
- Due to sickness no feedback from the Practice Manager.
- Gave feedback from the District Group, Diabetes Patient Network, and the changes within the ICB.
- Quiz night due to held on Friday 30th January.
- Continuing to hold the monthly Dementia afternoons within the surgery, run by the Alzheimer's Group.

(ii). Alrewas PPG

EM informed those present that the PPG was now similar to that of Rocester, i.e. a membership of one. Unfortunately, due to ill health EM was having to stand down from both the PPG and the District Group informing everyone this would be her last meeting. One thing she and another colleague had occasionally done was sit in the waiting room and ask patients what they felt about the surgery. This then was fed back to the staff.

Everyone present thanked EM for her support to the District Group and other bodies that she was a member of, (UHDBPPG for one), and wished her well.

(ii). Yoxall PPG

- Last meeting held in January where 8 current members and 2 prospective new members attended.
- Had a good presentation from RB.
- Holding a Men's Health event on April 16th with representatives from Prostate Cancer, Diabetes, Andy Mans Group, and others.

(iv). Trent Meadows

- Have a new Chair.
- Optimistic for the future with new ideas and a more democratic process.

14. Healthwatch Update. The report circulated prior to the meeting.

a. Current Projects 2025/26

This year we have been running the following major projects.

- **Gynaecological Conditions Deep Dive**

Healthwatch set out to listen to the experiences of women in seeking a diagnosis for a gynaecological condition. We have had over 250 responses to our survey, spoken with several women's groups and attended a woman's health festival held in Burton. We have spoken to hospital consultants at UHNM and UHDB and visited outpatients' clinics at Sir Robert Peel, Samuel Johnson, QHB and Stafford and Stoke Hospitals to engage with patients. The report of our findings is currently being finalised and will be published when completed.

Jackie.owen@healthwatchstaffordshire.co.uk

- **Mental Health Deep Dive: Staying Well After Discharge**

This piece of work was initiated from feedback from users of mental health services that on discharge they were frequently left to find their own way. Between July and December, we ran a survey co-produced with service users with 150 responses, engaged with over 40 community groups that supported people with mental health needs, attended the Staffordshire Talking Therapies Conference, talked to

voluntary sector forums around the county as well as social prescribers, and mental health trust staff. We are also linking with Keele University Medical School Researchers looking at discharges back to Primary Care.

It is highlighting a vast range of organisations and websites people are using for support. Also we have been hearing how many people feel they are being bounced between mental health services and primary care particularly when medication reviews are required.

- **NHS Dental Services Deep Dive**

Working with the Shropshire and Staffordshire Local Dental Network and Staffordshire and Stoke ICB we have produced “NHS Dental Services Explained” which we have had translated into Urdu, Punjabi, Polish and Easy Read. www.healthwatchstaffordshire.co.uk

- **Hazeldene Surgery Great Haywood Patient Survey**

Following up feedback we had from patients of this practice concerning appointments and prescriptions we approached the practice to undertake an independent survey of the views of patients. Having agreed the content of the survey with practice this was launched in December by a digital mail out to patients and hard copy surveys available in the patient waiting area. We have received 1050 responses which we are currently analysing. We will be sharing the feedback along with recommendations with the practice for a response prior to publishing.

- **Pharmacy First**

Following feedback from an enter and view visit to a community pharmacy we are looking into the uptake of Pharmacy First in Staffordshire.

b. UHDB Feedback

Positives

- An appreciation of the work done by all the staff in the Trust including the discharge team often under extreme pressure and with recruitment constraints.
- Surgical discharges from QHB and follow up.

- The Breast Unit at QHB
- Quality of Ophthalmology outpatients' appointments at RDH.
- Compliments from service users about Psychiatric Liaison service at QHB.
- Continuity of Orthopaedics surgery through the treatment centre at QHB
- New diagnostic facilities at Sir Robert Peel including children's phlebotomy clinic.
- Timely quality service in Minor Injuries at both SRP and SJH.
- New Escorted Outpatient Transport service set up by Tamworth CIC to QHB, SRP, SJH and Good Hope.
- New multi-story Car park at Royal Derby Hospital
- Volunteers joining PLACE visits.
- Connecting UHDB with ICB coordinated Staffordshire Dementia Network.
- Recent progress on Dermatology outpatient waiting times at QHB using external phone appointments.

Concerns

- QHB Emergency Dept waits and Minor Injuries developments - Enter and View being planned for 26/02 subject to confirmation from QHB.
- Long term Phlebotomy accommodation at QHB.
- Waiting times for outpatients and procedures.
- Quality of Outpatients letters. Sheffield Universities Trust have patient friendly easy read letters for comparison.
- Discharge to Assess (D2A) patients being discharged to SRP and SJH from West Midlands Hospitals and UHNM who live in South Staffordshire where there is no local facility.
- Some staff attitude issues usually in medical wards.

c. Health Inequalities

- Local Improvement Funds – through the Population Health Portfolio £100k has been allocated to each district council area to be spent on health improvement projects which must jointly developed by the PCNs, District Councils and the VCSE sector. The majority are focussed on tackling obesity.

- Attended UHDB's first Health Inequalities Conference on 4 February and have been invited to present to the UHDB Forum for Quality Improvement, Innovation and Research Meeting on our work.

d. NHS 10 Year Plan and Dash Report Implications

- The Staffordshire Healthwatch contract has been extended until 31 March 2027 pending legislation changes to enable the implementation of the Dash Report recommendations to abolish all Healthwatch's. The uncertainty created after the announcement last summer has inevitably resulted in staff turnover. We are currently consulting on priorities for next year's work programme.
- Our manager was included on one of the selection panels for the Executive Directors for the Shropshire, Staffordshire and Stoke ICB. We understand the reorganisation will mean the loss of almost 330 posts across the two former ICBs.
- We recently took part in an NHS consultation of the establishment of a National NHS Trust as part of the proposed Digital Offer in the 10year Plan.

Dave Bassett (he/him), Engagement Officer – Southeast Staffordshire

15. Research Update

- **West Midlands Cancer Alliance – Pancreatic Cancer Case Finding Pilot**

Pilot has now started and Richard Hibell (PCN Research Nurse) is reviewing clinical data and inviting patients to consent to participate if they are eligible. Sending out text messages to those patients who may be eligible inviting them to participate.

- **SAFE-D**

Pilot study will close at the end of February, over 500 participants have been recruited nationally, which was above the target.

- **MEDAL Study**

Study looking at low back pain and titrating medication up rather than down for those patients who have acute low back pain. Abbots Bromley

and Balance Street are now participating in the study with Mill View currently undertaking their initiation visit with a hope to begin participation towards the middle of February.

- **GENES & HEALTH**

Still trying to obtain recruits via ethnic groups and organisations. One of the world's largest communities based genetic studies, aiming to improve the health among people of Pakistani and Bangladeshi heritage by analysing the genes and health of volunteers. Volunteers are asked to provide a sample of saliva. Participation takes around 30 minutes. We are promoting this study at the health event in Burton on Thursday 12th February.

- **Bids**

Research Bus – Funding contract will be signed very shortly, and we can then begin the order process and build of our very own bus. This will enable us to take Research out into our communities. We would like to get patient representation around how the bus will look, if anyone is interested in being part of a small working group, please let me know. Obviously limited to numbers so maybe 2 people from the engagement group.

- **Patient Engagement**

The Research team have recently presented at the Trent Meadows PPG meeting and the Yoxall PPG meeting - Research and how Research came to be in East Staffs. We are also promoting research at a health event scheduled for April at Yoxall Surgery, exact details to follow. If anyone would like us to present at your PPG meetings or be present, fingers crossed, with our Research Bus at any Practice Health events please do let me know.

Rachael Brown

East Staffs Primary Care Research and Support Manager

16. East Staffordshire Primary Care Network Update

Lung Screening

Lung screening across Burton continues to progress well. While national uptake was anticipated to be around 50–55%, we achieved 60% in Phase 1 and 65% in Phase 2. Phase 3 invitations are currently

being issued, with screening appointments scheduled to commence from April.

LARCs (Long-Acting Reversible Contraception)

LARC hubs were established from November 2025 and are available to any practice's patient wishing to attend, regardless of whether this service is offered by their own surgery. This approach supports increased access and patient choice.

Women's Health Hub Survey

The Women's Health Hub survey has now been completed across four PCNs, receiving over 12,000 responses, including nearly 8,000 from East Staffordshire. A summary of responses has been collated and shared with practices to help inform future service development based on patient needs and priorities. A high-level summary can be shared at the next PPG meeting if members would find this helpful.

Child Immunisation Review Programme

East Staffordshire has been selected to work with partners across Staffordshire and Stoke ICB, and national teams as part of the Child Immunisation Review Programme. The focus is to better understand the reasons for lower uptake and identify opportunities for improvement both locally and nationally. Work is currently underway, with a fuller update expected at the next meeting.

Sport England – Let's Get Active Bid

The Sport England East Staffordshire 'Let's Get Active' bid has been submitted, with the outcome expected in March or April. If successful, local partners will continue to work collaboratively to determine how the approximately £3 million of funding can best be invested across the community. The aim is to increase awareness of the importance of physical activity, support behaviour change, reduce long-term conditions and isolation, improve mental health and wellbeing, and strengthen local communities.

Local Improvement Framework

We are pleased to confirm that East Staffordshire's Local Improvement Framework proposal has been approved following myself and our local delivery partners attending an ICB and other organisation representatives at panel meeting when we put forward our proposal.

This has secured £100,000 to support a local programme for individuals and families who currently fall outside the NHS weight management system. The programme will be delivered by three local VCSE providers working in partnership with several GP practices. Should the programme prove successful, there will be opportunities for further funding in 2027 and 2028. This initiative also provides a strong platform to showcase the impact of local services and partnership working, supporting the wider Sport England submission.

Spring Vaccination Programme

The Spring vaccination programme is expected to mirror the Spring 2025 eligibility criteria:

- Anyone aged 75 years and over
- Residents in elderly care homes
- Individuals who are immunosuppressed (as outlined in the NHS Green Book)

A new national delivery model is being introduced, enabling practices to order Covid vaccination stock directly from late March 2026, in readiness for delivery from the week commencing 13 April 2026 which will be the start of the Spring Campaign.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting on this occasion as I will be supporting a healthier heart and wellbeing event at Cooper Square. If you would like to pop along to say hello and meet some of the teams, we will be located near Marks & Spencer / Boots from 9:30am to 4:00pm. It would be lovely to see a few friendly faces.

Debbie Melling

East Staffordshire Primary Care Network, Community Manager

17. East Staffordshire and Surrounds Diabetes UK Patient Network

All the planned face-to-face meetings within East and Southeast Staffordshire that were planned for early February have taken place. As previously, the Chair was accompanied to the meetings with a colleague who is undergoing the necessary Diabetes UK protocols to become a Committee. In 2026 the frequency of the face-to-face meetings increased from bimonthly to every six weeks.

The Chair continues to attend the monthly MPFT East Staffs Performance & Quality Assurance Forum Open Meeting at the beginning of each month.

Over the past few weeks, I have been having discussions with a Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent County-wide Clinical Lead and Specialist Podiatrist for the Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, MPFT, regarding diabetic footcare within the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent area. Further to these discussions, I have produced a patient questionnaire regarding diabetic footcare and the current knowledge on the podiatry service. This has been discussed at various Diabetes Clinical Network and the Diabetes Clinical Information Group meetings. The questionnaire has been produced via Google Forms and has been sent out to members of the East Staffordshire and Surrounds Diabetes UK Patient Network.

Once we have feedback, we can then start discussions on how we can improve the overall diabetes footcare picture within the County and hence have pathways in place to reduce the high amputation rates that currently exist within Staffordshire and the Stoke-on-Trent area.

Naturally, it is important to gain feedback from all areas, and it has also been forwarded to as many healthcare professionals as possible within primary care, via the PCNs, and secondary sectors, as well as community groups and other patient access routes.

John Bridges

Chair East Staffordshire and Surrounds Diabetes UK Patient Network

18. Support Staffordshire, Health Inequalities East Staffordshire

Alongside our ongoing LIF project work, we are organising a Cancer Bus Tour to promote cancer awareness and screening uptake within local communities. The scheduled dates and venues are:

- 9 April 2026: Burton Marketplace
- 14 April 2026: Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre

In addition, we are planning a series of SMART Symptom Roadshows to further support awareness and early detection messaging. The confirmed dates and locations are:

- 27 May 2026: Burton Octagon Shopping Centre
- 1 June 2026: Eaton Park, Lansdowne & Faith Academy
- 6 May 2026: Shobnall Leisure Complex

These activities will complement our current outreach work and strengthen community engagement around cancer awareness and prevention.

Momna Arshad
Community Development Officer
Health Inequalities East Staffordshire

19. Any Other Business

On Friday 6th March it is International Women’s Day and there is an event planned at Pirelli Stadium on that day between 10am and 3.30pm. Tickets are £20 each and further details can be found below.

**International Women's Day
 Burton Event**

**Friday 6 March
 10 - 3.30pm**

Burton Albion FC
 Pirelli Stadium,
 Princess Way,
 Staffordshire,
 DE13 0AR

£20 a ticket
 (plus 60p booking fee)

Book a Spot

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Proud to have achieved
 Burton Albion FC

20. Review of the Meeting.

Highly informative, good discussions, lot of input and discussion, finished on time.

21. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 26th, 2026, between 1pm and 3pm. The Chair, SAR, thanked everyone for their contributions to the meeting.