



Littlefield Surgery
Patient Participant Group (PPG)
Held on Tuesday 25th November 2025
at Freshney Green Primary Care Centre.

Present

(LM)

(CA)

(VP)

See separate patient attendance sheet.

LM welcome everyone to the meeting.

Practice Updates

We are pleased to welcome Dr Lailah Hameed, who is now employed by the practice as a salaried GP.

Our FY2 will be leaving us in December, and we have a new one joining the practice.

Counselling Service

At the end of September we received an email informing us that the ICB will be stopping the funding for our in-house counselling service. Therefore, making our employed staff redundant by 31st December 2025.

We received no warning of this and there has been no conversations or consultations. We were just about to offer 3 new positions as we lost some staff members last year.

This is affecting 3 other PCNs in our area.

Our service has been running for over 20 years and has been a huge asset to primary care. We won an award last year for the quality of our service and it is always receiving great feedback as it is a personal bespoke service.

Each PCN is fighting the ICB to understand why this decision has been made and the impact this will have on our patients and the local area.

We have written to the local MP for support. Other local services have also written stating they would not be able to cope with the number of patients needing support.

Whilst the ICB are currently trying to identify if the funding can be provided from elsewhere, we have decided as a PCN to fund the service ourselves until 31st March 2026, to allow more time and not make our team redundant at Christmas.

The service is currently running as normal but is unable to accept new referrals.

Patients will now be referred to Navigo or NHS Talking Therapies, where the waiting list is 18 months.

We are hoping to hear something from the ICB by the new year and will keep you informed.



Christmas Events

We have published our Christmas practice newsletter, with information on our Christmas and New Year opening times.

Freshney Green are having a Christmas market on Friday 12th December, 10am – 4pm. We have a lot more stalls this year from small local business and crafts. The Freshney Green café will also be open for refreshments.

Close

VP thanked all for attending.

The next PPG meeting will be in February. Details of the meeting will be sent round in the new year and advertised on all our platforms.