

Wellbeing Group April 2021

The April meeting of the Patient and Public Involvement Senate of the NHS Northwest Innovation Agency was cancelled as it coincided with the Easter holidays, but there was a brief session for the Patient Safety Ambassadors Group. The purpose of this was to discuss the programme moving forward as the Group has not met for about a year. It is planned that the meetings will take place monthly from now on, still via Zoom in the short term, and the workplan is to include work on cardiovascular disease, medicines safety in care homes, and maternity and neonatal care.

I also joined a workshop hosted by the Oxford Academic Health Services Network & NHS England on the topic of managing high cholesterol. The workshop was attended by healthcare professionals and also by patients and the purpose was to explore how to make patients more aware of the importance of managing high cholesterol and how they can be encouraged to become more involved in the management of their condition. Both the healthcare professionals and the patients contributed interesting suggestions as to how this could be achieved.

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