

Notes of Virtual Café held at 10 am on 20th January 2021

1. The meeting was chaired by Doug Hollis. Doug explained to the Group that Paul Duhig was no longer able to continue as Chairman due to ill health and wished him a speedy recovery on behalf of the group.

Doug also gave apologies from Delia Sworm who was to be our “star turn” guest speaker as she had been called away to attend an emergency in ICU and was unable to attend. We will re-book Delia for another time.

2. The meeting was attended by around 18 people and it was pleasing to see a number of new faces. The new faces introduced themselves and the group then posed topics and questions for discussion, covering such items as:
 - i. Covid Vaccines
 - ii. Experiences of the effects of melanoma treatments
 - iii. Hospital Transport

All felt that the discussion period was very worthwhile as they had not had this previously.

3. Doug reviewed the latest communication with the group from the Pharmacy, RSCH dated 12 Jan 2021 regarding Covid Vaccine for patients receiving chemotherapy, immunotherapy and radiotherapy. This information will be uploaded onto the website.
4. Chris Caswell provided an overview of the activities of Melanoma Buddies. All agreed this was a very worthwhile innovation and many had used or are using the service.
5. Gina Freeman ended this Virtual Café with her trademark quiz, which was won by Aimee Weston.
6. The Next Virtual Café is:

February 2021 (Wed 24.02.2021 @ 10.00am) – Mr Farrokh Pakzad,
Consultant Oncoplastic and Breast Surgeon, RSCH / St Luke’s.

Mr Pakzad will update us on developments in melanoma and skin cancer surgery. He is happy to take questions which may be sent prior to the event via melanomore@googlegroups.com