

## CHAIRMANS Annual Statement

2020 is a very easy number to remember let us hope that it is equally a number to forget.

I refer, of course to Covid -19. This dreadful disease has blighted many lives and has been a turning point in situations and lives.

It is hard to believe that the last forum meeting was way back in March of this year. It was also impossible at that meeting to know how our future scheduled meetings would suddenly and abruptly be brought to a halt. Whilst it is a very frustrating situation there has been very little that any of us has been able to do about it except to follow the government guide lines. I am however sorry that I have been unable to give my usual 'upbeat' annual statement which reflects on our forum work and increased numbers during the year.

There has and will continue to be a large amount of information issued by the NHS at national level and locally by Stafford District Patients Group on all aspects at various stages of the Corona virus. GP practices in the Stafford and surrounding areas have all been extremely busy and have done their utmost to keep their practices functioning by using various means of communication with their patients. I hope, however that I can be forgiven for saying, as I have on many an occasion, that Gnosall practice has performed very well indeed during this difficult time. This observation now includes the management of the Corona virus vaccinations for the relevant age groups being held at the Stafford showground.

Peter Dawson has kindly included information supplied by the Patients Participation Groups onto our own website [www.gnosallpatientsforum.org.uk](http://www.gnosallpatientsforum.org.uk)

Notwithstanding the current circumstances I want to wish all our forum members a happy Christmas and happier new year. Let us all hope that we will be able to resume where we left off as soon as we are able.

My very best wishes and take of yourselves.

Alex and Sue.

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