

MINUTES OF CARNOUSTIE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP HELD ON 1st JULY 2014

Present: Tracy Smith (Chair), Ronald Macdonald, Harry Taylor, Harry Chaplin.

1. Welcome: The meeting opened with the Chair thanking members for attending.

2. Apologies: Wendy French had sent her apologies.

3. Approval of Minutes:

(a) Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st July 2014 were approved by Harry Taylor and seconded by Harry Chaplin following a few small corrections.

(b) Matters Arising:

(1) Guthrie Testing On Infants. Following the revelation that blood taken from infants for the Guthrie Test were still being stored in Glasgow from as far back as the 1960s, Mr Macdonald had not been able to glean any further information but he will keep trying.

(2) Lynn McGowan, Business Manager had requested we revisit/revamp the PPG's leaflets as she would like to promote the Group throughout the staff including NHS Tayside staff plus include the leaflet in the revamped Practice Booklet. Tracy had designed 3 different leaflets with varying graphics but the same text inside to cover distribution to both staff and patients. A vote was taken and no 2 was chosen for duplication. Lynn had offered at a previous meeting to reproduce some leaflets for the group and have them on display for patients to take away. The Chair will forward the approved leaflet to Lynn. The group discussed the usefulness of producing a poster for the Group and where it may be placed to maximum effect. The television was soon to be moved to more useful position and the group has an advert on the powerpoint that will be shown on it as well as other information for the practice. Tracy will design some posters and bring them to the next group meeting.

It was noted by the Group that there had already been some changes since Lynn's arrival and recognised the hard work she had already done to improve the Practice.

4. Suggestion Book.

The suggestion book had no new suggestions since Jean King retired.

5. AOCB:

(a) Mr Chaplin had received his Annual Review (MOT) letter requesting that he make a double appointment. He raised some questions about it and the group was not sure if it was a standard letter. It was agreed that this question should be deferred until Lynn McGowan was in attendance. Tracy said she would ask if Lynn could attend the next meeting anyway as the group had a couple of questions regarding this particular letter. Lynn had asked the Chair if her attendance could be alternate meetings due to pressure of work which was agreed.

(b) Mr Macdonald had often spoken highly of Professor Alison Pollock, Professor of Public Health Policy at Queen Mary's University of London. In England the NHS funding has/and still is being reduced in the round of austerity measures. Under the Barnett formula which allocates funds to Scotland proportionally, Professor Pollock has stated that for NHS Scotland to maintain its services it was feared some cancer checks will be scrapped. The press has shown some interest in this and it will become big news in the near future. Mr Macdonald had prepared a short information paper on this subject and the relevant press articles quoted and the Chair asked if he could forward it by email to the group. Mr Macdonald agreed to do this.

6. Next meeting: Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 10.30am