

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP.
Carnoustie Medical Group

NOTE of the meeting held on Thursday 26 November at 2pm in the Group Business Managers Office at Parkview Primary Care Centre , Carnoustie.

Present: Beth Lee-Smith, Irene Hoar, Ronald Macdonald

Attending: Lynn McGowan, Group Business Manager, Carnoustie Medical Group

Apologies: Wendy French, Harry Taylor.

Welcome: Irene Hoar was welcomed to the meeting.

Matters raised and discussed.

1. A Note of the previous meeting held on 29 October 2015 was tabled. The Note was approved and will be placed in the Carnoustie Medical Group web-site
2. Prescription Direction: the group were informed that advice is to be sought from telephone company engineer with regard to making changes to the current advice contained on 'tape' pertaining to patient choice of nominated Pharmacy/Chemist.
3. Suggestions Book: The group were informed by Lynn of recent comments and observations made by patients and the written and verbal responses provided in respect of these.
4. Copy of the current Carnoustie Medical Group Patient Participation Group: Terms of Reference was made available to Beth and Irene for their information.
5. Lynn provided an update of the progress made to date with regard Carnoustie Medical Group Practice Video. She advise that it would be shown very shortly on the television in the Waiting Room
6. National Conversations: *Fairer Scotland* and Healthier Scotland: Ronald advised that Samantha Creamer, Quality and Services Manager, NHS Tayside had written to all Practice Managers within Tayside with regard to two national conversations which are open to both staff and patients for their comment. Given the significant reduction in the membership of Carnoustie Patient Participation Group it was agreed that the Group would not make comment on this occasion, but members, if they so wished, could take the opportunity to give their personal comments. Ronald advised that the links two national conversations we: www.fairer.scot and www.healthier.scot.
7. The Myth of the '*Demographic Time Bomb*' Fact Sheet: Campaign for the NHS (Reinstatement) Bill 2015: Ronald advised those present that the document stated that '*the claim that because people are living longer the NHS is 'unaffordable' is not true*' and that '*policy makers and politicians must stop blaming older people for their decisions to cut funding for health and*

social care'. The question was raised as to the validity of the claims made within the document and as to how statistics are frequently used to give factually incorrect information.

8. The date and time of the next meeting was agreed by those present. The next meeting of the Patient Participation Group will be held in the Library at Parkview Primary Care Centre on Thursday 28 January 2016, from 14:00 to 15:30.

The meeting finished at 15:40

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