# CARNOUSTIE MEDICAL GROUP PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

# Minute of Meeting held at Parkview Primary Care Centre on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 2pm

Present – Chairperson/Treasurer – Stuart Anderson

Secretary - Ethel O'Donnell

Committee- Sheena Pritchard, Pauline Ward, Barbara Bromley, Pat Hay, Margaret McKinlay, Jeanne Kirk, Maureen Wilkie

Apologies- Wendi Lees, Ken, Drysdale, Pat Hutcheon, Margaret Boath

- **1. Welcome & Apologies** Ethel welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies as above and from SA who will join the meeting asap.
- **2.** The Minute of the last meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 was taken as read and approved by PW and seconded by MW.
- 3. Matters arising -
- **i. Blister Packs –** MMcK asked if anyone was aware that Aldi is a collection point for blister packs. No knowledge was shared on this but it will be looked into. There is no update of a national company offering free collection of packs. There is a service which has restrictions on the number of packs allowed to be sent in. Envelopes can be ordered at a charge and subscribers are responsible for posting them themselves. SP is maintaining an awareness of the progress of this issue. PW will look into the Boots advert about blister pack collection.

## EOD

SP PW

## \* SA joined the meeting

**ii. Vaccination services** – concerns were expressed at the lack of information re adult vaccinations centres. Since the Tayside NHS Vaccination Service has taken charge of this service and it is no longer under the control of local Primary Care services there is an apparent lack of helpful information on the locations where vaccinations are available and the appointment system. SA will contact the service to find out more about it and report back at the next meeting.

SA

## iii. Activities of Patient Groups in Scotland

EOD has explored the activities of other groups online. From the HIP Scotland website 10 groups are recorded in Tayside, but from GP website information it appears this site has not been updated for quite some time. Only 5 groups appear to be still active - 5 in Angus and 1 in Perthshire. The meeting times of these vary from monthly to quarterly. From the few notes of meetings published it shows support for GP staff and patient support is still the primary purpose of these groups. The Medical Practices identified will be contacted to confirm which groups are still active and the support given.

**EOD** 

- 4. Medical Group Update in her absence WL gave a written update
  - i. **The new appointment system** has received positive feedback and an information video by Dr Howe has been published on the CMG Facebook page.
  - ii. **Menopause support** an online Engagement event, by invitation, will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 for an identified female 43-55 age group. Interest was expressed by a member to sit in on the group.
  - iii. **eConsult** WL is awaiting confirmation of a date from them to come and talk to the PRG.

identified a group for all age groups meeting in Arbroath on Thursday evening. SP will along to find out more about it.  v. Care Opinion UK –This online independent non-profit feedback platform for people seeking information has been found to be a helpful source for advice and support for a member of the group.	-   3P
<b>5. Christmas meal</b> – The Carnoustie Golf Hotel was chosen as the venue for this event on Wednesday $6^{th}$ December 2023. SA will book it for 1pm.	SA
<b>6. Christmas Decorations</b> – EOD, PH, MMcK and JK will meet to put up the Christmas Tree the waiting area of PPCC Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November at 1pm.	in
<b>6. AOCB</b> – no items raised for discussion.	
With business complete the meeting closed at 3pm.	
Date & Venue of next meeting – Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 2pm in PPCC	
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Minute Secretary Date 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	
Minute approved	
Seconded Date	