CARNOUSTIE MEDICAL GROUP PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Minute of Meeting held at Parkview Primary Care Centre on Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 2pm

Present – Secretary – Ethel O'Donnell

Committee - Margaret McKinlay, Jeane Kirk, Alison Smith, Pat Hay, Barbara Bromley, Pauline Ward, Sheena Pritchard

Apologies- Stuart Anderson, Wendi Lees, Maureen Wilkie

	Task
1. EO'D welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies as above. AS was welcomed as a new member to the group	
2. The Minute of the last meeting on 30 th October 2024 was taken as read and approved by PW, seconded by JK	
2. Matters arising –i. A name error in the last Minute was noted and corrected, Hat should read Hay.	
ii. PPCC Christmas decorations – CMG has expressed appreciation to the PRG for their help in decorating the waiting area for Christmas. Purchasing of new lights and decorations will be discussed with the Practice Manager WL.	
ii. The Christmas meal at Carnoustie Golf Hotel in November was enjoyed by PRG members.	
iii. The Reducing Reactions to Specific Medicines Survey has been circulated to the appropriate members of the group following the last meeting. No report from this as yet.	SA
3. Finance - The accounts are with the auditor and will be ready to submit at the AGM in March.	SA
4. CMG update – nothing of significance reported.	
5. The proposed initiative to improve information sharing to help patients navigate the health-care pathway generated a lengthy discussion. It concluded that the existing information Right Care Right Place displayed in the waiting area gives a comprehensive guide to accessing most areas of health care and meets current needs. It was acknowledged that there is still apparent confusion for some in adapting to recent and current changing health care systems. Current Government announcements of plans to implement new measures to address NHS issues should bring a positive outcome.	
A question of continuing concerns about eConsult was again raised. The group took a decision to pursue previous enquiries about the service.	
6 A recent Channel 4 programme highlighting Britain's Benefit Scandal about national concerns on reported long term sickness benefit and the impact on the cost to the economy, mis-reported employment figures, geographic disparities and other factors was raised as a point of interest in managing health care. Government plans at UK and Scottish parliamentary level are currently in place to address these issues.	

7. Blister Pack recycling - Following our endeavours in 2023 to establish a local collection point for recycling Blister Packs which gained local support and interest, but unfortunately had to be abandoned due to difficulties with the company Terracycle not supporting our initiative. The Boots Company website is now advertising a similar project but there are no collection points in our area. This service appears to be restricted to mainly London and the south east of England as per the Boots Company website.

8. AOCB

- 1. In response to a question raised at the last meeting, PW shared information resourced regarding funding from major building complexes in local communities. Under the Section 75 Agreement sometimes known as planning obligation, a contract is entered into between a landlord/property developer and the local council as part of the planning application process. If the number of houses to be built is deemed to have an impact on the local infrastructure, a financial contribution is made by the developer to help cover costs of additional facilities needed to maintain services.
- 2. PW asked if there could be a role for us in looking at the health of school children. Enquiries will be made to find more information on this.
- 3. PRG AGM- this will take place in March 2025. It was agreed to consider opening this meeting to members of the practice population with consideration of having a form available for attendees to submit queries or constructive ideas for health care improvements. Further discussion at next meeting

With business complete the meeting closed at 3.30pm

Date & Venue of next meeting – 26th February 2025 at 2pm in PPCC.

Ethel O'Donnell

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Minute Secretary
Date 30th January 2025

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