

**CARNOUSTIE MEDICAL GROUP
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

**Minute of Meeting held at Parkview Primary Care Centre
on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 2pm**

Present – Chairperson/Treasurer – Stuart Anderson

Secretary – Ethel O'Donnell

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

Practice manager – Wendi Lees

Apologies- Jeanne Kirk, Alison Smith

Task

<p>1. Stuart welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies as above.</p> <p>2. The Minute of the last meeting on 26th February 2025 was taken as read and approved by PW and seconded by MW</p> <p>2. Matters arising – pertinent points are included in the agenda</p> <p>3. Medical update - Wendi joined the meeting and gave a CMG update –</p> <p>1. A new GP partner, Dr Sequeria, joined the practice in March and is settling in well.</p> <p>a. There has been a good response to the recent advert for the salaried GP post.</p> <p>b. Nationally, issues in recruitment of GPs persist, with variations of low numbers in England and some parts of Scotland. Tayside currently is in a good position showing a good response to recruitment.</p> <p>c. Locum numbers are up from a year ago and CMG has been fortunate in securing stable numbers to cover the shortfall in GP positions due to retirements and sick leave. FY2 trainees, trained doctors who are undecided on the path to follow in their career are a value to general practice too.</p> <p>2. The practice continues to be very busy, eConsult is proving to be an asset to the practice and more GPs will be taking on a role to meet the demand.</p> <p>a. The BMA has introduced measures to help relieve pressures on GPs, however it is proving to have issues with interpretation of instructions and is taking time to implement safely.</p> <p>b. A question regarding appointment of more GPs led to a discussion on the pros and cons of new systems and public expectation. CMG is in a strong position having a full quota of doctors to help fulfil demand.</p> <p>c. A question asking if eConsult creates more work for the practice received a positive response from WL in that it helps GPs prioritise their work better and gives more flexibility with appointments. Without eConsult there would not be enough appointments to meet demand. It is recognised that it is still in the learning process of how to manage it for the best and it is not for everyone. The Practice does endeavour to meet the needs of all patients.</p> <p>With no further questions WL left the meeting at 14.40.</p>	
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<p>4. Finance – The accounts are still with the auditor due to issues regarding bank statements. SA is addressing the issues. Decisions will have to be made regarding new bank charges being introduced in May 2025.</p>	SA / All
<p>5. Support for young people – PW clarified her thoughts on this by explaining concerns that young people often don't have an effective model to follow on how to deal and cope with health and wellbeing issues and how to follow the correct pathway to access effective care and treatments. A lengthy discussion followed sharing these concerns and how to target the correct cohort effectively and the effect the media and social media has on young people in the current climate of mental health concerns.</p>	All
<p>Ideas of options to explore on how to engage with young people opened up questions of how to proceed in a safe way. Proposals to consider, leaflets designed specifically for young people, engaging via social meeting places, contact via youth organisations and other activities locally.</p>	All
<p>Further exploration is needed to ensure we do not breach health and safety and security guidelines for ourselves and others before proceeding with this worthwhile project.</p>	All
<p>Initial options to follow might be speaking to School Parent Councils and Voluntary/Statutory organisations for young people. A most effective way to contact them to be determined.</p>	All
<p>6. AGM – to take place on Wednesday 4th June in PPCC. Meeting room and time to be confirmed. Posters will be posted throughout the town and invitations sent to relevant people to hopefully increase interest in the Patient Representative Group.</p>	
<p>4. AOCB</p> <p>1. Public Defibrillators – A question has arisen regarding the defibrillators in the town and the continuation of their use. No one had up to date information on this and more enquiries will be made.</p> <p>With business complete the meeting closed at 3.30pm</p> <p>Date & Venue of next meeting – Wednesday 30th April 2025 in PPCC at 2pm.</p> <p>Ethel O'Donnell</p> <p><i>Ethel O'Donnell</i></p> <p>Minute Secretary Date 3rd April 2025</p> <p>Minute approved..... Date.....</p> <p>Seconded..... Date.....</p>	