

CARNOUSTIE MEDICAL GROUP
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
Minute of Meeting held at Parkview Primary Care Centre
on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 14.00hrs

Present – Chairperson – Pauline Ward

Minute Secretary – Ethel O'Donnell

Treasurer – Apologies given

Committee- Alison Smith, Barbara Bromley, Jeanne Kirk

Apologies- Sheena Pritchard, Margaret McKinlay, Pat Hay, Stuart Anderson, Wendi Lees

With a quorum being met the meeting proceeded.	
1. PW welcomed all to the meeting and gave apologies as above.	
2. The Minute of the last meeting was taken as read and approved by JK seconded by AS	
3. Matters arising – on review of the last Minute, item 3, agreement was taken that there is already a pathway guidance on access to services, with the NHS Inform 'Get the Right Care in the Right Place' poster being prominently displayed in the PPCC waiting area. It was noted that physiotherapy and hearing services are not on the list.	
4. Medical Group update – No update available.	
5. Implementing the new structure of the PRG - All points as per last meeting agreed by those present.	
6. Finance - Treasurer, SA submitted 2 documents for attention – 1. Securing the Bank of Scotland account. 2. Information required to proceed enquiries to move bank accounts. PW will submit requirements as requested by SA.	PW
7. Redrafting the PRG page on the CMG website – it was agreed that this would best proceed with a sub-group to review and restructure it with help from CMG admin. Sub-group to be appointed at next meeting.	
8. Ideas on how best to take the PRG forward - following a lengthy discussion it was agreed -	
i. Meeting with other patient groups locally - To contact Academy Medical Group, Forfar, PPG to arrange a meeting to share ideas on the current aims & purpose and improving the function of patient groups.	EOD
ii. Recruitment – contact local community groups to open discussion with the view to increase membership of the PRG to widen positive support for local health care.	EOD
iii. Continue to work with the Practice to support and raise a positive profile for local health care.	
9. The Scottish Government proposals- January 2025 - to Renew and Reform Health & Social Care in Scotland. This first came to our attention from a contact in Shetland where public awareness of the plan has already been raised by the Health Board there. To date we have been advised that there has been no similar action from Tayside HB as yet. We agreed that there will be a role for the PRG to support the Practice when such information is known. To proceed with establishing more information it was agreed to contact a local member of THB to get up to date information on the local status of this plan.	EOD

<p>10. Points raised for further discussion with PRG –</p> <p>1. Patient Transport – The very successful patient transport service, Carnoustie Medical Transport Helpline – CMTH - disbanded in 2022, due to a shortage of volunteer drivers and telephone operators, after nearly 40 years of voluntary service Is it time to look at this service again. It was agreed to seek advice from Clive Goldstraw the local Link Worker, VAA on this matter.</p> <p>2. Food shopping choices in Carnoustie – Locally there is a lack of competitive choice of lower budget food shopping options, in particular for people compromised by mobility issues. We are aware of reduction in food waste programmes such as the Community Fridge in Monifieth and similar projects in other towns in Angus. A question raised was “Why does Carnoustie not have a service like this?” More information to be explored on this.</p> <p>4. AOCB – No items raised.</p> <p>With business complete the meeting closed at 15.45</p> <p>Date & Venue of next meeting – Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 14.00 in PPCC.</p> <p>Ethel O'Donnell</p> <p><i>Ethel O'Donnell</i></p> <p>Minute Secretary Date 31st July 2025</p> <p>Minute approved..... Date.....</p> <p>Seconded..... Date.....</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>All</p>
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