

EDZELL PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF 18 January 2022

Present: Dr Marc Jacobs, Dr Peter Smart (Chair), Linda Kirkham, John Clarke, Richard Price, Nicky Nicol, Veronica (Nicky) Page, Caroline McPhaill

Apologies for absence from Anne Taylor, Morag Thomson, Fiona O'Donnell

	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome and opening remarks: The Chair welcomed those able to attend this Zoom meeting, especially Nicky Nicol and Nicky Page, new members.</p> <p>Peter noted that Linda Wilson had had to retire from the Group because of personal health reasons. He had already responded by email with thanks for her long and active service on the Group. It was agreed he would follow up with a message on behalf of the whole Group.</p>	Peter
2	<p>Minutes of meeting of 7 September 2020 were approved.</p>	
3	<p>Matter arising:</p> <p>a. Prescribing practice: Peter reported that he had raised issues on this item with Dr Nico Groenenberg, chair of the Prescribing Practice Group, on behalf of this Group. Nico had responded with thanks for the comments.</p> <p>b. Assistance to patients with the POD: Marc explained to the two new members that members of PPG had agreed to assist patients unfamiliar with the POD, in order to relieve reception staff who otherwise had to do this. Appointments for patients were made for Tuesday afternoons. Linda K reported that she, Fiona, Anne and Morag had all taken turns. The system was working well.</p>	
4	<p>Dementia support in Edzell: Peter reported on a day conference that he and Marc had attended, hosted by Angus McNicoll, pharmacist, with presentations and discussions led by the Dementia Services Development Centre at the University of Stirling. The aim of the conference was to enhance the understanding of the causes and impacts of dementia for patients, families and carers.</p> <p>During discussion the concept of the 'dementia village', as trailed by the Dutch and which Kirriemuir was understood to be considering, was mentioned. Linda K agreed to review details on this concept, and how it might be applied in Edzell, for report to the March PPG meeting.</p>	Linda K

	<p>We also agreed to consider a community event at which traders and other members of the community could develop a better understanding of dementia and how collectively the village could make strides towards being even more 'dementia friendly'.</p>	Peter/ Marc
5	<p>See Hear and other funded projects: Peter reported on local (Angus) projects that had been brought to his attention over the past couple of months, including one from See Hear Angus seeking funding applications for local projects aimed at supporting those from the visually or hearing impaired communities, and another arising from the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund grants scheme. Both had been circulated very much last minute, which prevented PPG taking any action this year.</p> <p>It was accepted that, if we wish to make bids in future rounds, we needed to involve the community more widely in generating ideas and indicating support towards such projects. A scoping exercise conducted by PPG and other local organisations, such as the community council, EVIS, traders and church, could provide a solid foundation for future bidding opportunities.</p> <p>It was noted that this scoping exercise might be part of any wider discussions (dementia, visual or hearing impairment, mental health and wellbeing) or subject to individual consideration.</p>	Peter/ Marc/all members
6	<p>Edzell Health Centre newsletter: Caroline McPhaill, medical student attachment, had now prepared two newsletters to help keep the local population informed of developments within the Centre and other health related issues. PPG had a copy of the winter edition circulated for information. The first two editions had been circulated to traders in the village to display on notice boards.</p> <p>The Group congratulated Caroline on the presentation and content of the current edition. They felt that, as COVID is eased, ways should be identified to give the newsletters wider circulation, either in hard copy, or on the health centre web pages and Facebook page. It was agreed that PPG could use the newsletter to give publicity to its existence and purpose.</p>	Caroline/ Marc/ Peter
7	<p>North East Angus Local Improvement Group meeting on 14 December 2021. Peter had circulated the agenda for this meeting for information. The purpose of the LIG is to bring together various statutory and non-statutory organisations in North Angus who collectively or individually could help improve the health and lives of the population.</p>	

	<p>This was the second meeting of the LIG that Peter had attended. The agendas and a report on the main discussions at LIG could form part of the regular agenda of PPG.</p>	Peter
8	<p>Sharing ideas between PPGs: Peter indicated that PPGs take different forms between Practices and develop their own ways of working with the medical and other staff. It had been suggested that the chair of the Monifieth PPG might be willing to attend a meeting of Edzell PPG to outline some of the activities that her PPG had become involved in.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite her to attend our March meeting.</p> <p>Peter would also speak with the chair of the Montrose PPG, Eddie Martin.</p>	Peter
9	<p>Date of next meeting: agreed for Tuesday 15 March, starting at 6.00pm and finishing not later than 7.30pm, in person unless COVID restrictions prevented, when by Zoom.</p>	

