

Edzell Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday 3 March 2020

Present

Dr Marc Jacobs
Peter Smart (chair and secretary)
Linda Wilson
Anne Taylor
Morag Thomson
Richard Price

Apologies

Fiona O'Donnell, Linda Kirkham

ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION
1	Welcome Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Received as listed above	
3	Minutes Minutes of the meeting of 10 December 2019 were approved.	
4	Matters arising There were no matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.	
5	Health Centre update Marc gave an update on staffing. Drs Rooney and Gaj were now part-time GPs; Dr Shaw, in her second year post-graduate period would be completing her placement shortly; Wendy Irons was now in post as Practice Manager; Debra Benson has been appointed as Social Prescriber and the Listening Service is available once a month increasing to twice a month in May.	All to note
6	Coronavirus COVID-19 The meeting had a general discussion following the announcements earlier in the day by the Prime Minister and First Minister about the various contingency arrangements that could be put in place, depending on the rate of spread of COVID-19 in the UK. We noted that, meantime, the only piece of advice to follow was to wash one's hands frequently using the recommended washing practice.	All to note
7	Bus service Edzell Woods to Edzell Peter had circulated correspondence that he had had with Angus Council, at the request of Dr Iterbeke, supporting the continuation of the current bus service from Edzell Woods to Edzell as an important service to residents who did not have access to a car. The Council had	

	agreed not to cease the service at the end of March but to continue it, subject to further review.	
6	<p>Truacanta</p> <p>Peter had kept the members of EPPG and the wider ‘Truacanta group’ informed of the progress of the AHSCP/EPPG/BHCG submission since the December 2019 meeting. The proposal was unfortunately not one of the final four selected for direct support from the Truacanta project officer, but Peter had sensed that there was an enthusiasm in Edzell to continue developing ideas that were achievable within resources available which would be of assistance to those facing end-of-life situations, whether as patient, family or other carer.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was agreed that our first aim should be the production of a simple leaflet stressing the importance of having a Power of Attorney and persuading people to think generally about planning in a way that would be helpful to those left behind. No conclusion was reached about how this leaflet would be circulated nor the task allocated to any specific people. It is suggested that some of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care (SPPC) pamphlets might offer some ideas.</p> <p>We also noted that Sally Wilson and Elaine Colville of AHSCP had offered the following dates for an Edzell EASE course: Tuesdays 21 April, 5 May, 19 May and 2 June, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Those wishing to attend should confirm with Peter by the end of March please. (Note: with the current general ‘lock down’ Peter and Elaine have agreed to defer agreeing alternative dates until things were ‘back to normal’)</p> <p>Finally, Peter referred to the Truacanta networking event to be held at the Station Hotel, Perth, 10am to 4pm on 20 May, cost £10. Anyone interested in attending, please ask Peter for more information and we can see whether car sharing is possible. (Note: this, of course, has been cancelled/postponed)</p> <p>In relation to the item on Power of Attorney, those present agreed that we should lobby in an appropriate way on the cost of registering a PofA. (Note: the main concern here was the ability of people on low incomes to pay the registration fee – about £80. Following review of the registration website, it is clear that recipients of certain benefits are able to register a PofA at no cost.)</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Volunteers, please?</p> <p>All to note and confirm intentions</p> <p>All to note and confirm intentions</p> <p>Peter</p>
8	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Request from BHCG for funding assistance</p> <p>Marc informed EPPG that he had received a request from BHCG for funding up to £5000 from the Edzell Health Centre fund, to assist with the launch of their proposed ‘Jenner Centre’, to offer counselling and support for those facing end of life situations.</p>	

	<p>The Committee felt that, while the launch of this service on a trial basis should be commended, they could not support this request as the current balance of the fund sits below the level of the request and could not be committed to Brechin when it might be needed for Edzell projects.</p>	<p>Marc to write to BHCG</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Date of next meeting Tuesday 23 June 2020 at 5.45pm. It was noted that the past two years the equivalent meeting has been held jointly with ECHT. The comment was made that, whilst discussion of common issues would be welcome, the two groups should meet separately to discuss internal issues, such as annual accounts. Peter was asked to write to ECHT sounding out their response to the date and the suggestion of a shorter joint meeting. (At the moment – 9 April 2020 – it is suggested we leave this date in diaries as provisional, pending the lifting of current restrictions, but that a decision to postpone will be made during May, if this appears appropriate.)</p>	<p>Peter to write</p>