



## **Dunbar Patient Participation Group Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Dunbar Medical Centre**

### **In Attendance: -**

Catherine Dunning (Chair)  
Peter Wilson  
Tina Pollock  
Debra Wood

Caroline Wilson (Secretary)  
Paul Lanfear  
Alison Richards  
Moira Winning

### **Apologies:**

Lynne Bolton, Dr John Hardman, Dr Neil Black, John Robertson, Elaine Logan, Richard Copland

### **Welcome**

CD welcomed all to the meeting and advised that following John Robertson's resignation as chairman, a meeting had been held and she had been elected as chair.

Alison Richards had recently joined the PPG and introductions were made.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 January 2022**

- approved as accurate

### **Matters Arising Not Included in the Agenda**

The Link worker had agreed she was happy to meet with the PPG and carry out an interview for the next newsletter relating to her role – **A/p CD**

DW & MW gave phone, appointment and prescription statistics for December 2021 – these will be published in the next newsletter and on the PPG Facebook page which will highlight the volumes of work in the Medical Centre – noted below under Medical centre update.

### **Update from the Medical Centre**

- DW & MW updated, Dr Lavelle was retiring on 8 April and Dr J Holmes had been appointed as a GP with Cromwell Practice.
- Sue Bagley had been appointed as an advance nurse practitioner
- Lauderdale were recruiting for a new GP.

- All three practices had been very short staffed lately due to Covid related absence.

Telephone calls to the medical centre for the month of December were 13,500

|                      | <b>Lauderdale</b> | <b>Cromwell</b> | <b>Whitesands</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Prescriptions</b> | 1300              | 1804            | 1163              |
| <b>Appointments</b>  | 1515              | 2295            | 2159              |

The stats for appointments – phone/in person could not be broken down; a phone consultation is classed as an appointment.

MW/DW explained changes going forwards in the way the medical centre will operate, this is on the back of the guidance issued by NHS Lothian:-

When asked to attend the surgery, all patients will be asked to wear a face covering going forwards.

There will be no covid helpline available – concerns will be raised via GP's.

Vaccinations will no longer take place within the medical centre; these will be carried out by the Community Team.

Changes taking place will be publicized but as yet no timeframe is available.

Once full information is available, the PPG will meet to see how best they can support the Medical Centre by relaying information to patients and to support the Medical Centre going forwards.

The Medical centre will be closed on Good Friday 15 April, and Easter Monday 18 April. An additional holiday on 3 June for the Queen's jubilee where the medical Centre will be closed.

CW will make sure this is noted on the PPG Facebook page.

### **Newsletter**

PW will meet with DW & MW w/c 11 April to discuss content for the newsletter, he will then circulate a draft to all PPG members. CD advised she would involve all the group with distribution.

The Future – the PPG will meet in May to discuss how we can help promote the changes taking place once they have been relayed by NHS Lothian to the Medical Centre.

### **Dunbar in Bloom**

PW update that D.I.B would fully fund the planting of the raised beds, D.I.B. will aim to commence work in Dunbar and at the Medical Centre after Easter. DW

confirmed the planters were nearing completion. PL offered to assist with planting.

**A.O.B**

CD suggested we make a list of meeting dates for the remainder of the year, this will be taken forward, the next meeting will be May 19 2022 at 6pm