



## **Minutes of the PPG Meeting 11th February 2026**

**Attendees:** Alan White (Chair), John Greensmyth (Secretary), Donald Gordon, Maureen Cuthbert, Neil Smillie, Susan Zappert, Karen Henderson, Frank Brown, Pamela Rotheroe, Kerry Donaldson (Practicer Manager), Dr Hamish Shearer

### **Item 1; Welcome and Apologies**

Welcome; AW welcomed our two new members to the PPG; Pamela Rotheroe and Frank Brown.

Apologies; Amanda Brodie, Caroline Littlejohn & Mark Grandison

### **Item 2; Approval of minutes from meeting 12th Nov 2025;**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

### **Item 3; Matters Arising**

HS is still following up with Academy - work in progress, see note below.

### **Item 4; EMIS to Vision changeover**

All GP Practices currently operating under the 'back office' EMIS system will change to the Vision system of Electronic Patient Records (EPR) provided by the One Advanced company

HS explained the new coding system for diagnostics and a mapping system is in place to change over to the new system. This is a major workload for the Practice and there may be a period whereby a reduced service provision may apply. Re-ordering for prescriptions may need to be done ahead and the local Pharmacies are aware of this and for some patients double orders may be required. Patients with online access will need to re-register when the new system is in place. 13th May is when the changeover will commence and be complete by 19th May.

### **Actions for PPG;**

Review initial communication text from Practice and work with Practice thereafter to develop a communication plan for the Community.

**Item 5; Hospitals Update;**

IJB (Integrated Joint Board) will review the output of the consultation at their next meeting. Looking to come up with a route map and delivery plan for 2027-2037.

**Item 6; Advice to Patients re Emergency Services**

HS explained current circumstances with triage of varied scenarios. The bottom line is to follow the triage protocols or 111 and 999.

**Item 7; Email communication between Practice and Patients**

There isn't an email protocol in place but certain circumstances may mean that an email process could benefit some patients - i.e deaf or otherwise impaired patients. The preferred communication process is via telephone using the reception staff. Adding an email process at this stage would increase the workload on the GPs.

**Item 8; Spring newsletter from Practice;**

The deadline for the Fountain magazine has been missed and the Practice will prepare a Spring Newsletter. Deadlines for Fountain articles are consistent each year and as follows;  
First day of February, May, August and November.

**Item 9; PPG Membership - balance and recruitment**

NS will contact Michael Foy (Aboyne Academy Head) in an attempt to see if engagement would be possible.

**Item 10; Next Public Meeting**

KH distributed info about the proposed Aboyne Community Hub  
PR suggested that those providing wellbeing services could be included.  
A larger Community based event was mentioned in association with the Aboyne Community Trust (ACT) but also the case for a standalone event similar to our inaugural event was also discussed.  
JG to follow up with ACT and revert by the next PPG meeting

**AOCB**

SZ has done two more planter tubs for Aboyne and Tarland - with help from a willing assistant

**Next Meeting;**

The next meeting is scheduled for 13th May.