| Minutes – PPG Meeting |
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| Location: | Room 1 |
| Date: | 15th May 2018 |
| Time:  Present: | 11.30am  Margaret Allan, Janette Drysdale, Wendy Thomson, George Murray, Alex McInnes, Dr Ofoegbu, Fiona Gormley, Practice Manager |

1. Apologies – Carole Simpson
2. Approval of previous minutes – minutes were approved by everyone
3. Resignation of Carole – Fiona received an email from Carole Simpson resigning from the PPG as she is moving to East Kilbride. She will be very much missed in the group.
4. Text messaging – this service is now up and running with a few members of the group having received appointment reminders already. This new service was welcomed by everyone.
5. Appointment of Edith – Edith is the new Advanced Nurse Practitioner who started in February. Her main role is to see patients with acute illnesses who require same day appointments.
6. GP recruitment – Dr Kerr has now retired and the Surgery are trying to find a replacement but with great difficulty. The location of the Surgery does put off potential GP’s as well as the overall shortage of GP’s in Scotland. The Health Board are working on a solution but Dr Ofoegbu advised that this is going to be long term rather than immediate. Fiona advised that letters have been sent out with repeat prescriptions advising patients of the current staffing issues and that they may have to wait longer for an appointment. However all patients who require to be seen urgently will be given an on the day appointment.
7. GDPR – this is the new General Data Protection Regulations which will supersede the current Data Protection Act 1998. It is designed to give more transparency to patients with regards to who keeps their information and what it is used for. Patients can also request a copy of their medical records free of charge as of 25th May 2018.
8. Cervical screening tests – Margaret had asked if we had any clinics in the evenings or Saturday mornings to cater for those people who found it difficult to get away from work to attend. Fiona advised that the Nurse does start at 8am on a Monday and her last appointment is 4.40pm. There is also the option to attend the Family Planning Clinic in the evening for a screening test.
9. Shingles vaccination – Margaret was enquiring about when she would be entitled to the Shingles vaccination and if she would receive notification of this. Currently all patients aged 70-79, excluding 75 are entitled to the vaccination. The Practice will contact everyone in due course regarding this.
10. GP Trainees – Alex had enquired about whether it would be an option to have GP trainees at the Surgery. However Dr Ofoegbu felt that this would still come with the same problems of locality. Most trainees want to train close to where they live. There would also need to be a GP available to mentor the trainee.