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Kintyre Medical Group and Campbeltown Medical Practice

Negotiations Continue with Regard to Proposed Merger

Senior managers from Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) recently met with Campbeltown Medical Practice (CMP) to progress negotiations in regard to the proposed merger of CMP and Kintyre Medical Group (KMG) Practice. This meeting, which was very positive, also discussed the details of how services would be delivered.

At the meeting representatives from CMP confirmed that, if the merger was agreed, GP services would continue to be provided from Muasdale, Southend and on Gigha. This would ensure that they continue meet the needs of the local communities in these areas. There was also a desire to continue to provide a high quality and accessible primary care service for the patients served by the Practices. This would clearly be supported by the high quality and range of clinical skills of the GPs and wider practice teams in Campbeltown and KMG.

Both the HSCP and CMP agree that the safety and sustainability of continuing to provide the unique triple duty service of primary care, GP out of hours and community hospital services for Kintyre would be greatly strengthened by this merger. It is also hoped that it would help with the recruitment of GPs locally.

The other element discussed at the meeting was the new GP contract which the Scottish Government is currently negotiating with GPs nationally. Details of this new contract are planned to be announced by the Government in November and, if this is approved by a vote of GPs, will be implemented from April 2018. It was therefore agreed that a further meeting to consider the implications of this will be arranged in November.

Finally both the CMP and the HSCP agreed it was important to continue to regularly keep the local communities informed on the progress of the

negotiations and it was agreed to issue regular updates and also meet and brief communities following the vote on the new GP contract later this year.

For further information please contact Donald Watt, Locality Manager for Mid Argyll, Kintyre & Islay, at donald.watt@nhs.net

Notes to Editors: The vast majority of GP Practices in Scotland, including Campbeltown Medical Practice, are run by a consortium of GPs however a small number of GP Practices are, for a number of reasons, run directly by the local Health Board and Kintyre Medical Group currently falls into this category.