



Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to  
Item 10 on the Agenda

# Older People's Consultative Group

*(Paper presented by Alice Wilson/Graham Abrines)*

*For Noting and Agreement*

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<b>List of Background Papers</b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) New Group Membership (Appendix 2)

## SECTION 1: REPORT CONTENT

<b>Title/Subject:</b>	Older People's Consultative Group
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<b>Action:</b>	For Noting/agreement

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report details the recently agreed changes to the arrangements for the Older People's Consultative Group.

### 2. Recommendations

#### 2.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- **Note the recent changes to refresh the Older People's Consultative Group and bring the group within IJB governance structures**
- **Agree to receive an annual report from the OPCG Chair about the work of the group during the preceding year**

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Older People's Consultative Group (OPCG) was first mooted in 2007 when the then Education Social Work and Community Services Committee of Dumfries & Galloway Council agreed that an Older People's Consultative Group be established to engage with the Council on matters of concern to older people and that an invitation be made to the NHS to participate in the group.

The OPCG first met in September 2007. Over 100 older peoples' groups were invited. Eight groups were represented, with interest expressed by a further five.

Progress was reported to the Council in June 2008. Part of this report stated:  
"The ageing population of Dumfries and Galloway requires a co-ordinated corporate approach from the Council and the NHS to ensure that the needs of our older people are met with an effective response. The OPCG can play a key role in developing this coordinated response. In doing so the OPCG has indicated that it will operate in accordance with the trend towards individualisation and personalisation of services and will add value by providing advice based on its analysis of the views of its constituent members."

### 3.1 When it was set up the main objectives of the OPCG were:

- to ascertain, co-ordinate and reflect the views of older people in Dumfries and Galloway
- to liaise with other groups and to express fairly the diversity of opinions and outlooks of older people
- the main focus for consultation not only on older people's issues and service development in the region but also on issues not directly relating to older people but to which older people's groups have valuable and valid input.

3.3 The OPCG membership came from nominated members from regional groups which have an interest in older people's issues and met the criteria for membership under the constitution. It was previously supported by both the Council and NHS and an elected member and non-executive NHS Board Member held the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair on an annual rotation basis. The group was supported for many years by a Commissioning Manger until they retired in early 2016.

## 4. Main Body of the Report

4.1 The Integrated Joint Board (IJB) came into being on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. All older people's services delivered by the Council & the NHS were devolved to the IJB. The IJB has its own governance arrangements independent of the Council & NHS. Following discussion with the then Employee Director of the NHS the current Vice Chair of the IJB who was also the Joint Chair of OPCG a meeting of the OPCG was convened in June 2016. At this meeting the current Vice Chair intimated he would need to stand down from the role due to a conflict of interest. There was another meeting in September 2016 and again in January 2017 members of the OPCG and the then Chair felt it would be inappropriate to continue without Council representation.

4.2 The Local Authority 'Appointments to outside bodies processes had to be followed following the local elections in May 2017. Cllr Dougie Campbell was appointed to the role as the Council representative.

4.3 The OPCG met in October 2017 and considered a paper about the future of the OPCG. This paper was premised on the formation of the Participation & Engagement Network (PEN) by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and is managed by the NHS on behalf of the CPP. The network is a way for members of the public, patients, carers and community groups to get involved in improving local services. Members may be asked to take part in a survey, a discussion or an event. Members don't need to take part every time, just whenever suits them. This is an initiative in its infancy. With the formation of PEN there was a fundamental question to ask; "Is there a need for the OPCG?"

The paper proposed 3 options:

Option 1 – Retain the current membership and governance arrangements.

Option 2 – Acknowledging the formation of the PEN, formally disband the OPCG and invite all current members & their groups to join the PEN.

Option 3 - Using the original concept for creating the group and the main objectives and adapting these;

That a revised Older People's Consultative Group be formed to engage with the IJB on matters relating to Health & Social Care for older people in Dumfries & Galloway. The OPCG should contain members from recognised groups representing older people. Members should liaise with their groups and express fairly the diversity of views and opinions given. The OPCG will be a key consultative body for Health & Social Care matters for older people in the region. Should this option be supported a Terms of Reference, and suggested group membership list would be drafted and circulated for consultation by existing members. Once agreed a report would go to the relevant IJB committee outlining the changes to the existing arrangements.

The OPCG agreed that option 3 was their preferred option. Officers worked on the Terms of Reference and suggested group membership and members were asked to consult with their groups in time for the January meeting.

**4.4** Discussions subsequent to the October meeting took place with the Chief Executive of NHS Dumfries & Galloway about a replacement for the Executive Director, given the role the Deputy Nurse Director plays as the lead for Older People it was felt that Alice Wilson should become the NHS Board representative.

**4.5** The OPCG met again in January 2018 with Cllr Campbell chairing the meeting the new Terms of Reference (appendix 1) were endorsed and the new group membership (appendix 2) was also accepted with the caveat that other regional groups would be asked to join if as they were identified or made themselves known.

## **5. Conclusions**

**5.1** There was a need to fundamentally consider whether there remained a need to continue with the OPCG. As it was unanimously felt there was a role for such a group the purpose and membership required to be reviewed and refreshed. This has now been done with the agreement of the OPCG and as a group they are keen to play a role in the development of Health & Social Care services for older people across the region as well as acting as a conduit for consultation around services for older people that are not directly Health & Social Care related.

## **SECTION 2: COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNANCE STANDARDS**

### **6. Resource Implications**

- 6.1** There is a small budget to support the work of the OPCG, officer support for the group will be provided from within existing resources, primarily from the Community Health & Social Care Directorate

### **7. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy**

- 7.1** The recommendation in this report will inform the delivery of all nine National Outcomes and supports the IJB's participation & engagement strategy

### **8. Legal & Risk Implications**

- 8.1** There are no known legal or risk implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** The OPCG are in agreement with changes to their terms of reference and membership. The Chair & Vice Chair have been consulted with and are in agreement with the content of this report.

### **10. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment**

- 10.1** The recommendations do not constitute a change in policy therefore Impact Assessments are not required

### **11. Glossary**

- 11.1** OPCG – Older People's Consultative Group  
PEN - Participation & Engagement Network  
CPP - Community Planning Partnership  
IJB - Integrated Joint Board