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## **Update from Cove Bay & Kincorth Medical Centres – August 2025**

### **Staff Update**

We are pleased to announce that Dr Arifa joined the practice in June 2025 as a salaried GP.

Congratulations to Dr Cameron who is expecting and her baby is due in November 2025.

### **Bake Sale and Raffle 22nd April**

£379 was raised for Guide Dogs from the bake sale. Thank you to our patients for contributing. Debbie and her husband Barry are very grateful for the support.

The London marathon was amazing but very hot! We thoroughly enjoyed the day and got lots of puppy cuddles at the end. Currently sitting at £5162 raised for Guide Dogs. Debbie enjoyed it that much she has signed up with Guide Dogs again for 2026.



### **Scottish Government**

Some may have seen or read that the Scottish GP representative body has given notice of a formal dispute with the government. Why is this, and what does it mean in terms of patient impact? Please be assured at this point that there will be no impact on services and that the hope from our representatives is that this dispute can be resolved without escalation. It does, however, represent an absolute need for urgent and real actions to support general practice across the country to provide the level and depth of care expected from it.

This is very much not about pay but instead the recognised and acknowledged need to correct the reduction of proportionate funding to general practice from the NHS budget, which over the last two decades has fallen from 11% to 6.5%. This represents close to 50% less cut of the cake despite strategies of increasing care in the community rather than hospitals and also of earlier intervention and prevention of health harm, which falls very largely to general practice to drive. This dispute is entirely about recovering and improving services to our public but in recognition that this cannot be achieved without appropriate financial support. The model of general practice has a track record of financial and service efficiency, flexibility, and dynamism in delivering healthcare but has been hugely restricted in its potential by cumulative under-resourcing for many years to a point of crisis, resulting in escalation to this dispute.

Urgent improvements to general practice funding would support our profession to recruit and retain staff as well as in other ways to allow a service that is rightly expected by the public. It would help reduce the huge mental and moral burnout in trying to provide the impossible and allow us to do the job that we all want to do in providing the best possible care to our patients.