

# Midlothian Council

## Labour Group



**Midlothian Council**  
**12 May 2015**

**Notice of Motion**

Council notes the serious difficulties being experienced with the recruitment and retention of GPs, and also notes that despite such shortages all available training places in Scotland are not being taken up.

Council therefore calls on the Scottish Government to take urgent action to encourage more students into GP training, to recruit more GPs and to look at ways of encouraging older working GPs to defer their retirement until the shortage can be resolved.

We also call on the Scottish Government to look at ways to encourage recently retired GPs who have a wealth of knowledge and experience which could be used to help relieve the situation, back into work even if only on a part time basis.

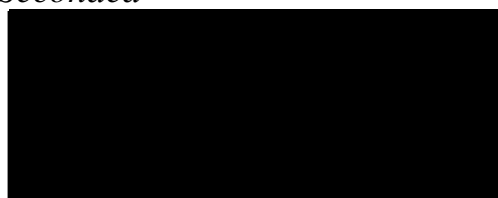
Further, in light of this position Council call for a halt to the review of, and proposed cuts to, Midlothian out of hours service. Given that many people are facing such difficulties in obtaining appointments with their GPs this would be the wrong time to consider a reduction in the out of hours service when this is sometimes the only option a patient has.

*Moved*



**Councillor Derek Milligan**

*Seconded*



**Councillor Jim Muirhead**