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**Supporting our Local GPs – A Statement from the Bonnyrigg and District Community Council**

The Bonnyrigg & District Community Council recognises the growing crisis facing our GP services in Midlothian. Practices such as Strathesk Medical Practice have repeatedly warned of reduced funding, increased costs, and an inability to recruit new GPs – resulting in longer waits, fewer appointments, and reduced access for patients.

As a Community Council, we affirm our commitment to advocating for public healthcare in our area.

We are calling on the Scottish Government to deliver urgent support and proper funding for GP practices across Lothian. Without action, services will continue to decline, and patients in Bonnyrigg and surrounding communities will suffer.

We encourage all resident to raise concerns directly with their MSPs. **Your voice matters**. Find your MSP at: <https://www.parliament.scot/msps>. Let’s stand together to protect the healthcare our community deserves.

Bonnyrigg & District Community Council

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