

## GPs for GS

The first phase of the GS Scottish Family Health Study is well underway in Tayside, with 142 volunteers attending their clinic appointment at the Ninewells Hospital Medical School by mid-June and a further 49 scheduled to attend in the next few weeks. Local people have been invited to sign up for the study by their GPs through the Generation Scotland Primary Care Recruitment Scheme. The scheme, which is being piloted in the Dundee area, now involves over 30 GP practices.



## GS:Dundee in the News

A Dundee family featured prominently in the publicity surrounding the launch of Generation Scotland. Alex



Clockwise from left: Agnes Whyte, Blair Smith, Alex Whyte, Fiona Webster, Andrew Morris, Stephanie Gallant, Shona Hynd.

Whyte, his wife Agnes and daughter Fiona Webster, were among the first to attend their clinic appointments and appeared in several reports including The Herald, The Scotsman, The Times and BBC TV news. You can see the reports on the News page of the GS website (see below for web address).

## Meet the Tayside Team

In the last few months there have been several new appointments to the Generation Scotland Scottish Family Health Study (GS:SFHS) team in Dundee. The new team members bring with them a wealth of valuable experience, much of it gained in the local area. Cathy Jackson is the Dundee Lead for GS:SFHS and has been appointed as a Clinical Senior Lecturer. Cathy is a GP and has

gained from working on research projects in a variety of specialist areas. Ronnie Rebecca (Research Nurse) recently finished working on a colorectal disease study at the Department of Biomedicine in Dundee. Caroline Hall (Research Nurse) joins Generation Scotland after 8 years' research work in the Department of Hypertension at Ninewells. Stephanie Gallant (Research Nurse) spent the



From left to right: Cathy Jackson; Lindyanne Alexander; Phyllis Devlin; Ruth Durrant; Ronnie Rebecca; Caroline Hall; Stephanie Gallant. © University of Dundee.

previously worked at the University of Dundee as a Lecturer involved in inflammatory airways research and undergraduate teaching. Lindyanne Alexander (Study Co-ordinator) recently finished working on the TOMBOLA project, which was a randomised, multi-centre 6 year study into the best follow-up for women with low-grade smears. Phyllis Devlin (Study Administrator) previously worked as project secretary for the GO-DARTS Tayside Diabetes study.

Ruth Durrant (Research Nurse) has over 10 years' experience

last 8 years as a specialist oncology nurse within Ninewells Hospital.

In January 2006 the Tayside and Glasgow clinical teams came together for the first time to learn all the skills needed for the study. Everyone is now looking forward to what promises to be a very exciting and challenging two years!

