

## **Kiveton Park Medical Practice Patient Participation Group**

### **Chairman's Report for 2015**

The PPG has continued to develop based on the principles upon which it was founded, as a reliable, practical and hard- working link between the practice and the patients of the practice.

Meetings have been held and well attended every month, which implies a great deal of valuable time, devoted by some patients for the benefit of all patients.

Recently the group reviewed it's membership, to ensure that there really was a fair representation of the complete patient population.

It was agreed that there should be a much richer involvement from those patients at the younger and the older ends of the demographics.

An action plan was agreed.

Noticeable has been the increased team-working between the practice and the PPG.

Whilst the annual patient survey has provided valuable information on the current patient opinions and views, some further process was needed to monitor them.

The PPG therefore welcomed the introduction of the Friends and Family Test.

Patients and Practice worked together to get the scheme up and running.

The PPG has become increasingly aware of the unfolding crisis in General Practice and took the decision to independently lobby key influencers on funding. Contact was therefore made with the secretary of state for health, our area MP and Nhs Rotherham.

One of the significant benefits which ensued was the commencement of a dialogue with our area MP.

Whilst the group remain eager to give support for a number of general medical issues, generally it has focused on the operational requirements of its brief.

However, due to the exceptional enthusiasm and energy of one of our members a shared experience group was formed to support those affected by the condition of Fibromyalgia. Having been in existence for over a year it has held 12 meetings with regular attendance by 6 to 10 patients.

Work has already commenced with regard to engaging the younger and the older members of the community.

It has been decided that close liaison with Wales High School should open up a number of vital links with patients in the 11 to 18 years of age range.

Our older patients may not physically be able to attend our meetings, so it has been decided to take the meeting to them. Therefore at least twice per year the PPG will meet in a location more convenient for them. The care home for example.

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Chairman of the PPG