



AIRE VALLEY
SURGERY

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

**Have you ever thought about joining our
Patient Participation Group?**



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This leaflet explains what a Patient Participation Group is and outlines how you can get involved.



Why do we involve people in healthcare?

Like every other city in the UK, Leeds has some major healthcare challenges. We want to work with the local people to meet these challenges head on. Listening to patients helps us to understand people`s needs and can identify innovative and efficient ways of designing, delivering and joining up services.

What is a Patient Participation Group (PPG)?

A PPG is a group of volunteers and health champions who meet regularly to help their practice improve its services. Every GP Practice has to have a PPG. The group works in partnership with the practice to support health promotion and understand and respond to the needs of all the different patients who use the practice.

The PPG is a forum to improve the practice, it is not a place to take individual concerns or complaints. If you have an individual concern, please contact the Practice Manager.

What support do we get as a PPG member?

You don`t need any specific skills or knowledge to get involved, just a passion to improve your local health services for all the different communities in the area.

The NHS in Leeds offers lots of support to help you get involved in your PPG. They offer free training and a chance to meet other PPG members from across the city to share ideas about how you can improve our practice.

What can a PPG actually do?

There are lots of ways that PPGs can support our practice to improve our services, the only limit is your imagination”



- ♦ **Patient experience** - Feeding back the experiences of patients.
- ♦ **Health promotion** - Supporting patient activities such as awareness days, self-care, walking groups and carers support.
- ♦ **Fundraising** - Helping our practice apply for funds that improve the patient experience such as equipment e.g. patient wheelchairs, refreshment machines etc.
- ♦ **Information** - Supporting the development of our practice leaflets, online services and newsletters.
- ♦ **Critical friend** - Acting as a sounding board for new ideas.

Aire Valley Surgery PPG

The Patient Participation Group currently consists of 9 patients.

Meetings are held every other month, rotating between our Yeadon and Rawdon site and are usually held on a Thursday evening; 18.30 - 20.00

The meetings are chaired by our Practice Manager, Victoria Johnson.

Our Advanced Nurse Practitioners; Katie Taylor and Simon King also join on a regular basis.

We are always looking to welcome new members, please see overleaf how you can apply to become a member!

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Application Form

I wish to apply to become a PPG member

Your Details:

Your Full Name:

Age + Date of Birth:

Ethnicity:

Email address:

Your preferred telephone number:

About You:

Please use this box to tell us a little bit about you and why you would like to become a PPG member.

Are there any **special adjustments** that you would need to enable you to attend a face to face meeting:

Please hand this back into the Practice and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible with further details.

Or

If you prefer to send this information via our website - just send the answers to the above questions using the online receptionist.