

PPG Newsletter

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St. John's Medical Centre / Patient Participation Group



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WHAT IS THE PPG?

From April 2016, it has been a contractual requirement for all English GP practices to form a Patient Participation Group (PPG).

We are a group of patients registered with **St. John's Medical Centre** who mostly have no medical training but have an interest in the services provided.

We provide an opportunity for patients to get more involved in the practice and influence the way services are provided. All of the work is done on a voluntary basis.

The PPG is a non-profit organisation.

THE PPG MISSION

The mission of the PPG is to develop an apolitical, positive, and constructive relationship between the patients, the Practice, and the community it serves, ensuring the Practice remains accountable and responsive to all its patients' needs.

Our group key roles are:

- 1) Create and improve two-way communication between the patients, the practice, and the community it serves.
- 2) To bring a sense of partnership between Practice and patients but be able to constructively challenge the practice whenever necessary.
- 3) Provide an avenue for patients' input in the way facilities and services are planned and executed, to add humanity to, and influence those services.
- 4) Provide constructive two-way feedback on patient and community needs, concerns, and interests.
- 5) Support the practice in good health promotion, preventative medicine, and health literacy.
- 6) Collect patient opinions and experiences to help the Practice to evaluate its services.



The PPG is also affiliated with the National Association for Patient Participation <https://napp.org.uk/>



JOIN US AND HAVE YOUR SAY

Would you like to have a say about the services provided at the Practice, then we would like to hear your views.

We aim to gather members from as broad a spectrum as possible to get a truly representative base.

The PPG is open to all patients registered at SJMC, and you are welcome to come along to one of our quarterly meetings and see us in action!

For membership, visit <https://www.stjohnsmedical.co.uk/ppg.aspx> and go to the **Join Us** page where you will find how to join online or by post.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WE WISH TO PURCHASE FOR THE PRACTICE

The PPG aims to provide medical or nursing equipment that would not easily be available on the NHS, to improve the health or quality of life of St. John's Medical Centre's patients.

We are currently fundraising for the following equipment:

- 1) Engage Touch Plus blood pressure machine
- 2) Clinical weighing scales

The equipment cost £5,000 and we need to raise another £4,500.

PPG FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During 2019, the PPG raised £509.43 thanks to the help from some of our patients who donated prizes for two Tombola events at Morrisons and Asda respectively and also thanks to the help from PPG and staff members of the Practice who took part in the local Rotary Club's annual Swimarathon.

