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NEW POND ROW NEWS LETTER

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Your Practice Needs Your Help

By now everyone has heard of the government reforms to the NHS. Fundamental to these reforms in whatever form they finally adopt will be the "Putting Patients First" principle (No decision about me without me) as described in the government white paper.

Although our practice has always been committed to this principle they are now required by the NHS to demonstrate this by developing a system that provides regular feedback from us, the patients.

The objective is to involve patients in decisions about the range and quality of services provided by the practice.

The first step in this direction was to set up a Patient Participation Group which as you know is now well and truly up and running.

However the PPG although representing the interests of the patient population is not at the moment truly representative of all patients and we need involvement from a wider cross section of patients to extend our coverage.

How Can You Help?

Although we would welcome everyone to take part in the PPG activities it is not essential that you attend meetings or be involved in the events that we arrange.

However in order to be truly representative we do need to involve people from all backgrounds and circumstances. For example: Employed/Unemployed, Retired, Disabled and all Ethnic Groups). If you would be willing to help us provide feedback to the practice on issues affecting you personally then please provide us with your: Home Address - or your E-Mail address so that a member of the PPG can contact you now and again. Hopefully together with the practice team we will be able to create the kind of care and support that will be of benefit to you

Obviously as fellow patients it would not be proper for the practice to provide this information and although invaluable to the practice your participation is entirely on a voluntary basis. If you are willing to help then please e-mail us or leave your details at the surgery for the attention of the PPG and we will contact you.

Other PPG Matters

Our Aim:

The patient group has now been running for just over two years. The group was set up at the suggestion of the partners with the aim of creating a wider and more constructive relationship between the practice and its patients.

Our Progress:

The PPG has been set up with an active committee and a formal constitution. We have successfully applied for financial support from the current Primary Care Trust in order to off-set our start up costs and more recently to set up our Web Pages on the Practice Web Site – www.newpondrow.co.uk This is now up and running so simply click on Patient Participation Group in the top right hand corner of the web site home page to keep up to date with events or to contact us. We also have a dedicated notice board in the waiting room at the practice.

Fund Raising:

Obviously in this period of cut backs and government funding reductions the purchase of equipment and support facilities will be difficult to sustain without your help. In this area the PPG have organised several fund raising events as reported in previous newsletters. These together with generous donations have already funded a portable E.C.G. Monitor which will be purchased shortly.

The next item for which fund raising is required will be the purchase of Voice Recognition Software. This is a big time saver for the staff at NPR providing them with virtually keyboard free computing.

We will be holding events such as Raffles – A Silent Auction – A Race Night for which your help and support is needed.

Please check the web-site and our notice board for further information as become available.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held at the practice on October 11 starting at 7.00 P.M.

We will be electing/re-electing our committee and setting out our plans for the next 12 months.

With all of the changes that are taking place within the health service this must affect you.

This is a meeting for patients of the NPR Practice and whilst every patient would be most welcome, in order to conserve funds and use monies as we consider most appropriately, this is to be a very low key event and, as mentioned above, is taking place at New Pond Row Surgery, therefore regretfully numbers will have to be limited.

Therefore to avoid disappointment please reserve your place as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you'd like to know content of evening, please leave your name, email address or if no email address, telephone number at New Pond Row.



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AND WE VERY MUCH
LOOK FORWARD TO
HEARING FROM YOU
AND FOR ANY SUPPORT
YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER.**