

# Would you like to be involved in establishment of a Patient Participation Group (PPG) at The Firs?

*The NHS requires all GP practices to have a Patient Participation Group.*

- A small group of patients is working with Firs practice staff, and has set up an interim group to establish a PPG at The Firs.
- We are attending a number of clinics to invite other patients to join the interim group.

## What is a PPG?

- A Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients who volunteer to help their GP practice work as well as it can for everyone - patients, doctors and other practice staff.
- PPGs act as a 'critical friend' – by gathering information and comment from patients, and then letting the practice know if there are any issues which are of general concern. **Note:** PPGs do not take action in relation to individual patient concerns/complaints.
- PPGs work together with practice staff to make improvements which are of mutual benefit to all patients and staff.

## Why do we want more patients to join the interim group?

- We would like the group to be as representative as possible with a mix of ages, genders, cultural background, etc.

- We will welcome new ideas – including on how the PPG should be run, how often it should meet, and agreeing a constitution/terms of reference.
- We would like the group to be big enough so that commitments can be shared and not become too burdensome for just one or two people.

## If you would like to be involved ...

- **Please complete the form below and hand it to one of the PPG representatives.**
- We will then keep in touch to invite you to meetings so you can make a contribution to getting the PPG established.
- At this stage, we are working towards the PPG being formally established at a first AGM in early 2018 at which a Chair and Secretary will be elected.

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## I am interested in joining the interim group working to establish a PPG at The Firs.

Please PRINT all details below – including email

**First name:** ..... **Surname:**.....

**Email:** ..... \*\*

\*\*Apologies – but, at present, because of limited resources, the only way we can keep in touch is by email.

If you prefer, you can express your interest by sending an email to **firsppg@yahoo.com**