

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.

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**