

SOUTH LEWISHAM PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP APPLICATION FORM

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| NAME | |
| ADDRESS | |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | |
| MOBILE/HOME TEL | |

Please tick your choice of the following options to help us make sure our patient group is a realistic representation of our patients.

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| Gender | Male / Female |
| Age | 16 - 24 25 - 34 35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 - 74 Over 74 |
| Ethnic origin | White British White Irish Other White Background Mixed White and Black Caribbean Mixed White and Black African Other Mixed Background Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Other Asian Background Caribbean African Chinese Other |

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining our Patient Participation Group. We treat all applications containing personal data as confidential and never forward your details to any third party and your application will be acknowledged in writing.

(Please sign and date)

[I am interested in joining the South Lewisham Patient Participation Group](#)

Signed..... Dated.....

For emailing purposes please tick your choice of information required to receive:-

- I would like to receive **all** information on Health & Wellbeing, PPG, the Practice, and local activities and information.
- I would **only** like to receive information relating to the practice, PPG, and patients

Patient Participation Group (PPG) @ South Lewisham Group Practice



What is PPG?



The introduction of practice based commissioning involves patients, in a geographical area, making decisions that will affect the way that health care is delivered to patients. All GP practices are now required to have a PPG to refer to, no matter how small. PPGs work to get to know their area and alert the GP practice to specific problems, working with them and being involved in setting priorities to ensure that commissioning decisions are made known to the wider patient population.

Q. Who are the PPG?

A. The PPG members are patients, just like you. We are lucky at South Lewisham Group Practice, as they are keen to have patient involvement. Our PPG works in partnership with the GP's and practice team to help maintain the quality health care standards we all deserve. We find they listen to us, and act where possible within their authority, keep us informed of changes and obtain patient opinions through the PPG. We are members of the National Association of Patient Participation (NAPP).

Q. What are the PPG aims and objectives?

A. To work with South Lewisham Group Practice to offer the patients perspective on the services provided.
To provide a forum to support positive ideas and voice concerns, assisting GP's to develop an increased understanding of patient priorities, needs, wishes and perspectives.
To help improve communication to implement change and encourage patients to take more responsibility for their own health.
To help patients by providing information on health and wellbeing.
To signpost patients and GP's towards groups and organisation concerned with health and wellbeing.

Q. How does the PPG work?

A. We have a Committee in line with guidelines which currently consists of 8 patients, including the Chair and Secretary, plus a GP representative, the Practice Manager or representative, and an administration/receptionist representative and a nurses representative if available.
The Committee hold set quarterly meetings with additional meetings arranged as needed.
Members are able to come along to meetings and put forward any items for discussion and take part either in person or by email.
Occasionally an organisation representative asks to come along to a meeting to pass on information and get an opinion on a subject/project/initiative.

Q. How will I benefit by joining PPG?

A. Members are able to have an input in decision making, and alert the practice to any problems, suggesting change for improvement if they believe it will help the patients and practice. They are provided with information on health and wellbeing, local groups including support groups, and what's on in the local area.

Join our PPG today and help us to work with our surgery to make it the best for our health care by completing the application form overleaf.

Check out PPG on the surgery web site www.southlewishamgrouppractice.co.uk



Please note we are unable to put forward personal complaints which must be put directly to the Practice Manager.