

Billericay Medical Practice

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP INFORMATION LEAFLET



Since April 2015, it has been a contractual requirement of NHS England for all GP Practices to have a Patient Participation Group (PPG) and to make reasonable efforts for this to be representative of the Practice population.

Billericay Medical Practice has had an active PPG committee since 2010 and in addition supports a virtual Patient Participation Group.

The **Patient Participation Group (PPG)** is made up of patients who have expressed an interest in wanting to be more informed about Practice activities and developments via e mail communication, with an option to get more involved should they wish.

The benefits of being a member of the PPG include.

- Receiving notification of health-related talks and other events at the Practice
- Receiving a newsletter from the PPG committee with Practice news and updates
- Contributing to topics for events and talks
- Having the opportunity to contribute to improvements to services at the Practice
- Attending ad-hoc events
- Take part in surveys

The **Patient Participation Group Committee** is made up of 9 members who meet with Practice staff to discuss Practice issues, patient experiences and help to consider initiatives to support or develop services at the practice. Updates and newsletters are sent to the virtual Patient Participation Group by email to keep them informed.

The team at **Billericay Medical Practice** is committed to improving the services we provide to our patients. To do this, it is important that we seek the views and experiences of our patients and consider ideas for improvement. Joining the PPG gives you an opportunity to be kept informed and get involved should you wish.

If you are interested, please complete the Application Form and hand to a member of staff.

Anyone who is registered at the Practice is welcome to join.

**More information can be found on the website:
www.gps-billericayhealthcentre.co.uk**

Application Form

Name:	
DOB:	
Email:	
Contact No:	

Please consider joining the Patient Participation Group, it can be rewarding and fulfilling to be more involved.

Please note that no medical information or personal health questions can be responded to.
The information you supply us will be used lawfully, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The Data Protection Act 1998 gives you the right to know what information is held about you and sets out rules to make sure that this information is handled properly.