

DR HARBIDGE & PARTNERS KIDSGROVE



Patients
Participation
Group

Patients Participation Group Newsletter

PPG News

Loneliness

The National Association for Patient Participation (NAPP) reported that Royal College General Practitioners (RCGP) Chair, Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, said that loneliness and social isolation, particularly for older people, can be on a par with suffering from a chronic long-term condition.



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NAPP suggested, in their November Newsletter, that PPG's could help to combat loneliness among the elderly in our community.

"Contact the Elderly", a registered charity combating loneliness, to explore how our PPG may be able to work with other organisations' to provide a service locally.

"Contact the Elderly" set up and run tea parties for the isolated elderly patients in the community.

Kidsgrove PPG will discuss how they can support the work locally.



More people
More active
More often

Activities for the elderly

NAPP goes onto report a new initiative for active older people that could save the NHS millions.

"Moving more, Ageing Well" a report from UK Active highlights the need for innovative solutions for keeping older people active and independent that could save the NHS and Social Care billions of pounds by preventing disease. Teaching health and social care professionals to deliver exercise interventions could be key to curtailing the UK's growing ageing crisis.

The report recommends that specially trained exercise professionals be embedded into GP surgeries.

The report underpins the need for social prescribing as an alternative to medicines.

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If you would like to join the Patient Participation Group, please contact the surgery or email the address below:-

PPG Email :
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Next PPG Meeting

Wednesday 6th December 2017
6.00pm - 7.30pm at Sandyford Fire
Station Community room.

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STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Winter Pressures

In North Staffordshire and Stoke-on-more people are admitted into long term care than the national average, many of which come from community hospitals. The Partnership Trust is backing up “Home First”, the care philosophy that is based on a guiding principle that patients should be discharged to the place they call home as soon as possible.



VAST

Margaret Hurley briefed the Newcastle North Locality PPG meeting on VAST’s role in developing a database which clinicians and social care professionals can use to access local services and support organisations. Over the last 2 years VAST have received over 1000 referrals. These referrals are followed up with a phone call to ensure that they have been actioned and the appropriate service contacted. These can cover a wide range of issues including the prevention of social isolation, benefits support or mobility issues.

PPG’s in Newcastle North

The bimonthly meeting of the PPG’s in the Newcastle North Locality provide a platform to share best practice locally.

In some areas PPG’s are working with other community groups or businesses to improve local facilities for the elderly, the lonely and those suffering from dementia.

Audley PPG have joined forces with local voluntary groups like LAP, Rotary, the Library, Aspire Housing and Approach to form the Audley Dementia Action Alliance to enable them to have a greater effect on their mission to make Audley a dementia friendly village.

Appointments missed each month?

No. of patients who did not attend

Missed Appointments	Doctors	Nurses	Total
October 2017*	29	65	94
September 2017	43	44	77
August 2017	30	37	67
July 2017	31	36	67
June 2017	24	35	59
May 2017	49	32	81
April 2017	35	36	71
March 2017	34	41	75

* The increase in the number of patients not attending their appointments in October 2017 is largely due to the inclusion of appointments for flu/nasal vaccines which are boost the overall number of appointments. 44 appointments were cancelled through the cancellation line.



**GP APPOINTMENT?
CAN'T MAKE IT?
DON'T NEED IT?**

CANCEL IT!