# Patient **NEWS**

Patient Participation Group (PPG)



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## All about your PPG

Patient Participation Groups, or PPGs, are groups of active volunteer patients working in partnership with GPs and other practice staff to improve quality of care.

#### Why do we need a Patient Participation Group?

- To strengthen communication between medical practitioners and their patients, enabling resources to be used more efficiently and continuously improving services.
- PPGs explore supportive networks beyond the GP or Nurse appointment. They can help GP teams to be more proactive in providing services that truly reflect what patients want and need.

#### What does the Bingley Patient Participation Group do?

- We hold meetings at Canalside Healthcare Centre every month, attended by representatives from the practice including GPs, reception staff and the Practice Manager.
- The topics we discuss are matters raised by patients and other issues that are felt to be of benefit to patients.

#### What has the Patient Participation Group achieved?

#### Recent achievements include:

- Opening our community café, providing a friendly meeting place with reasonably priced refreshments.
- A successful men's health evening which we are planning to repeat.
- Providing CPR training on a regular basis.
- Provided toys for the children's area in reception.
- Achieved Plastic Free Bingley community ally status.

#### What can we achieve in the future?

We rely on you, patients like ourselves, to raise issues about services, so that together we can achieve high-quality and responsive care.

#### How can you contact the Patient Participation Group?

If you would like to join us or suggest items for discussion, please contact our chair, <a href="mailto:jillwadsworth@hotmail.com">jillwadsworth@hotmail.com</a> or fill in a suggestion form and put it in the sealed box on the table in reception.





## **Staff changes at BMP**

After more than 20 years as a GP at Bingley Medical Practice Dr Andrew Jackson is retiring at the end of March. He is a deeply caring and highly skilled doctor, teacher and mentor and will be greatly missed by patients and colleagues. We wish him all the very best.

We are also delighted to welcome two new members to our nursing team. Sister Mariam Rehman joins us as our nurse team leader and Sister Becky Kirk joins us as a practice nurse. They bring a broad range of expertise in areas such as respiratory care and women's health to our already highly skilled nursing team.

# Dr Salter is running the Leeds Marathon in aid of Manorlands

"Working as a GP in Bingley since 2016, I've seen the incredible work that Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice provides for so many patients and their families in their time of need. This will be my very first marathon, and I'm proud to do this to help such a worthwhile cause."









# Online healthcare advice for parents and carers of children and young people

Click to visit or search West Yorkshire Healthier Together

### Vaccination news

We are offering the RSV vaccine for everyone aged 75-79. This is a new one-off vaccine which protects against Respiratory Syncitial Virus. RSV is a common virus that can make babies and older adults seriously ill. Having the vaccine is one the best ways to protect yourself and babies from pneumonia and bronchiolitis. We are inviting everyone eligible but please speak to your clinician or our reception if you would like to know more.



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