

Meeting Schedule

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January		
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maple surgery patient participation group

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Welcome!

The **maple surgery patient participation group** (PPG) is a voluntary organisation that provides a link between the patient and the Practice. Our objective is to foster the highest possible standard of primary care at the Surgery through the medium of patient participation. We accomplish this through

- **Communication:** To enhance communication between patients and the Practice;
- **Education:** To promote health awareness and education on topics of interest to the patients of the Practice;
- **Support:** To support patients, encourage local health initiatives and to be a 'critical friend' of the Practice;

as well as promoting any other matter which is deemed to be in the interest of both the patients and the Practice.

Membership

Membership of the PPG is automatically granted to all registered patients of the Surgery aged 16 years and over, so the chances are that you're already a member and just don't know it! We encourage you to come along to the meetings of the PPG, even if you only want to listen.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meets regularly to conduct the business of the PPG. The members making up the Committee are all patients just like you. They've volunteered their time and talents to help improve the patient experience at the Surgery. Any patient of the Surgery (aged 16 or over) may apply to serve on the Committee. Although we restrict the size of the Committee to no more than 15 members, in practice there are plenty of vacancies and we're always on the lookout for new faces.

Activities

The PPG was formed in the summer of 2010, and we've been busy ever since. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- Initiated the popular weekly *Health Walks*.
- Produced the leaflets *Getting to Hospital by Bus* and *Local Activities in Bar Hill*.
- Organised *Health Awareness Events* on the topics of diabetes, dementia and healthy living.
- Offered feedback on the re-designed waiting area in the Surgery.
- Helped to simplify the travel vaccination documentation.
- Closely followed the tendering process for primary healthcare services in Bar Hill.

Interested?

We want to do more, and that's where you come in. If you can spare two or three hours a month, you might consider joining the Executive Committee. To learn more about the PPG and its activities:

- **Go online:** Read about our past meetings and events at <http://www.maple-ppg.org/>
- **Contact us:** You may already know some of the current Committee members. They're listed at our web site.
- **Fill out a form:** Ask the receptionists at the Surgery for a form to fill out with your contact details. You'll be hearing from us soon.
- **Come to a meeting:** You are always welcome.

You may find that you have a lot to offer to the PPG and to the other patients of the Surgery. We hope to see you at our next meeting.

Meetings

We normally meet on the last Wednesday of the month in the TNT room in the Bar Hill Church but this sometimes changes so please check at the Surgery or on our web site for the latest information. Some meetings are in the evening and some at lunchtime.

Come and support your Surgery.

We hope to see you soon!