

CLECKHEATON GROUP PRACTICE - Patient Participation Group Newsletter December 2018.

Hello, my name is Tracey and I attended my first Group Practice Patient Participation Group this morning (11 December 2018) and volunteered to take on the responsibility for producing a newsletter after each meeting.

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) has been established to meet up to 4 times a year and it provides an opportunity for us as patients to contribute to the development of our Group Practice. There were seven PPG members at the meeting with Emma Marshall; Practice Manager this morning and we discussed a range of issues including the Red Box Project which I will expand upon further in the next section of this newsletter, a family's experience of using patient transport, the recent flu campaign, local support for those living alone on Christmas Day and how our PPG influences the Patient Reference Group Network managed by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The PPG provides a real opportunity for us; members of the local community, to be an effective part of the communication infrastructure ensuring that local patient voices are heard by the practice team and just as importantly to support the

practice team when they are trying to communicate with us on really important issues such as the flu vaccination campaign.

Red Box Project.

Did you know that young girls and women in our local community are missing school because they cannot afford menstrual products?

The Red Box Project has been established nationwide to quietly and discretely bring products to young girls so that they do not miss school.



Our Group Practice is supporting the Red Box Project.

If you can afford to donate any of these products please bring them

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into the practice and make it clear that you wish them to be placed in the Red Box. The practice team will ensure that the products are donated to local schools, for local girls.

Flu Campaign 2019

Every year flu causes severe illness and death, and yet those of us with long-term conditions, or aged 65 years and older etc still decline the life saving vaccination.

The vaccine cannot give us the flu - that is a fact.



The practice has already ordered stocks of the vaccine for 2019 and as a PPG we would like to hear your views on how the practice might change / improve its 2019 campaign strategy to increase the uptake of the vaccine. The POWER to stop the FLU begins with YOU.

Our next PPG meeting is in March 2019. If you have any views on this subject and would like the PPG to work with the practice team on getting ready for winter 2019 please leave your views in an envelop marked for the attention of the PPG and I will collect them each month and share your ideas at the meeting in March.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. On behalf of the PPG I am committing to producing one after each meeting.

If you have access to the internet please check out the group practice website for important information on matters such as ordering repeat prescriptions, cancelling appointments, updating your clinical records, accessing self help support groups and managing in times of bereavement. Simply type Cleckheaton Group Practice into any search engine to find the website.

As the year comes to an end, best wishes to everyone and on behalf of all patients of the Cleckheaton Group Practice, thank you to the multi-disciplinary practice team for doing all that you do to keep us well.

