**PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUPS**

**Ways to help your GP practice thrive**

Many GP surgeries nowadays have a patient participation group. These are made up of volunteer patients working with the practice manager, and they meet on a regular basis to talk about the services provided and how improvements can be made for the benefit of all the patients and the practice.

So what do they do? Each group is unique and has its own priorities. Below are some examples of what they offer:

* Advising the practice on the patient perspective
* Organising health promotion events
* Supporting patients with walking groups, coffee mornings and befriending
* Carrying out the patient satisfaction survey
* Attending networking events to share good practice
* Influencing the wider NHS.

PPG’s often need new members to do this important and rewarding work, as does ours at present. If you think you may like to join our friendly and purposeful group, why not contact the practice manager for a chat?

*Sent by Drs Virmani and Bedi’s Patient Participation Group*