

St Leonard's Patients'
Participation Group
(PPG) SPRING 2016
NEWSLETTER



NEW Devon Clinical
Commissioning Group

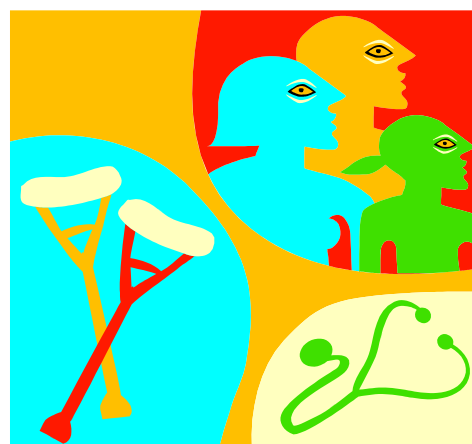
(CCG): following last year's NHS decision that all Practices should have a PPG (see heading above), the CCG has proposed a structure, building on existing informal meetings of PPGs across localities, e.g. Exeter in our case. Their aim is to liaise with patient groups when developing or changing treatment proposals etc.. That would mean our own Steering Group (SG) would always need CCG matters on its agendas as well as provide an area representative.

Join the Steering Group

With the above proposals in mind, **what better reason could you have to become a member of the SG?** It would enable you to be involved in considering what the CCG has on offer and whether it meets the Practice's needs. The SG meets every two months. For informal discussion, please leave your details (email and/or phone number) with Reception and marked "For Norman Shiel, PPG Chair" or phone him on 01392 434559.

Three-Practice Events:

Since the turn of 2011 the three St Leonard's/Newtown Practices at Barnfield Hill, Southernhay House and Athelstan Road have joined forces in providing **The Strollers** walking group for patients. Now they are collaborating to offer a **Dementia Awareness** programme as well as a **Wellbeing Referral Service** with the support of Westbank Community Centre. **Please ask Reception for details** of the talks programme on Saturday morning, 9 April in our Practice's Waiting Room.



Book Sale Benefits!

The PPG's SG started the New Year with £1,190.31, mostly derived from the book sale generosity of patient donations and purchases. Our treasurer now reports rental payments for the Drinking Water Fountain and the SG's promise to contribute the first hire instalment of the new information screen. It is hoped it will offer a great deal more information about the Practice's services and educational activities.

But please keep the books coming and buying them.

Thank You!