

The Patient Partnership Group

52. The terms of reference of the Patient Partnership Group (“PPG”) are :
- a.) to communicate to the College and its Council areas of patient concern with a view to influencing College policy at all levels;
 - b.) to consider how best a consistent, equitable and patient-centred quality of care for all can be achieved;
 - c.) to encourage and support the role of the College in involving patients in their own care;
 - d.) to encourage the involvement of patients in their own care;
 - e.) to encourage the inclusion of patients in the development of health care services at all levels;
 - f.) to foster relations between patients and their medical advisers on the basis of openness, equity, honesty and individual integrity;
 - g.) to encourage College faculties to involve patients in all aspects of their activities;
 - h.) to review regularly the best way for PPG to link with other patient groups within the College;
 - i.) to review regularly whether or not these terms of reference are being fulfilled and remain relevant
53. The members of the Patient Partnership Group are :
- a.) Up to three Council members elected by the Council, one of whom shall be elected by the Council as the Medical Vice-Chair;
 - b.) One elected Member of the College: and
 - c.) Up to nine other co-opted members.
54. The quorum for meetings of the Patient Partnership Group is six, of whom two must be College members, whether or not Council members. The Patient Partnership Group shall meet not more than five times in each Council year.

Suggested Revised Terms of Reference & Composition for PPG

52. The terms of reference of the Patient Partnership Group (PPG) are:

PPG as a body in the context of the College:

- ◆ To communicate to the College and its Council and dependent committees areas of patient perspective with a view to influencing College policy at all levels
- ◆ To encourage and support the role of the College in involving patients in their own care
- ◆ To consider how best a consistent, equitable and patient-centred quality of care for all can be achieved
- ◆ To provide input to College consultations and ensure they reflect the patient perspective
- ◆ To encourage College Faculties to involve patients in all aspects of their activities

- ◆ To represent the views of patients in Primary Care in meetings and conferences with Royal College Patient Groups and with outside organisations
- ◆ To foster good working relationships with RCGP Patient Groups in the UK
- ◆ To encourage and support the development of patient participation groups.

PPG members as individuals:

- ◆ To respond to College requests for their individual viewpoint on internal or external consultations or other initiatives
- ◆ To serve on College committees, boards etc to ensure that a patient voice is present in discussions
- ◆ To take part in College activities such as conferences and public awareness events
- ◆ To become familiar with the work of their local College Faculty
- ◆ To represent PPG on outside bodies

PPG members as patient advocates in the wider healthcare community, with particular reference to Primary Care when appropriate:

- ◆ To take a particular interest in General Practices in their own area and encourage active patient participation
- ◆ To encourage the involvement of patients in their own care
- ◆ To encourage the inclusion of patients in the development of healthcare services at all levels

53. The members of the Patient Partnership Group are:

- a) Up to three Council members elected by the Council, one of whom shall be elected by the Council as the Medical Vice-Chair;
- b) One elected Member of the College;
- c) Up to eleven other co-opted lay members;
- d) One representative from the AiT Committee.

54. The quorum for meetings of the Patient Partnership Group shall be six, of whom two must be College members, whether or not Council members. The Patient Partnership Group shall meet not more than four times in each Council year. These terms of reference shall be subject to regular review every three years.