

The Pleasley Patient Group – Pleasley Surgery

CONSTITUTION

NAME: The name of the group shall be The Pleasley Patient Group (*referred to as The Group*)

ASSOCIATION: The Group shall be affiliated to the National Association for Patient Participation (*N.A.P.P.*)

OBJECTIVE: The objective of The Group is to promote health by fostering the highest possible standard of primary care through the medium of patient participation.

AIMS: 1 *COMMUNICATION* Members of the group should act as a communication channel between the Practice and the community in order to help patients use facilities to the best advantage. Also that the Practice might implement policies influenced by representative patient views.

2 *COMMUNITY 'NEEDS'* The Group should have a role assisting in assessment of community 'needs' to help the Practice improve its service.

3 *HEALTH EDUCATION* The Group should advise the Practice of health education needs in the community in order for the Practice to provide appropriate and useful community health education awareness.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the Pleasley Patient Group shall be open and free to all patients and staff of the Practice.

COMMITTEE & OFFICERS: The committee shall consist of two officers- a Chairman and Secretary plus up to five other Group members. The Practice will be represented by a Partner and depending upon availability, a senior administrator or other staff nominated by the Practice. Practice members are not eligible to vote.

The Committee will meet not less than four times in any period between AGMs, at such times and place as the Secretary shall specify, as agreed by the Chairman.

The Committee shall be empowered to manage the affairs of The Group and to take any action on its behalf to further the aims of The Group. At a meeting of the Committee, three members plus one officer shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee may fill any casual vacancy occurring among its number until the AGM of The Group.

The Committee may co-opt up to two people for specific purposes of the Committee or any sub-group. Co-opted members are not eligible to vote.