



A Message from the PPG at Abbey Medical Group

Hello Patients and Carers

As we are all aware COVID 19 has impacted on everyone. The PPG has been busy running a befriending/support telephone support service. Very much like our Patient & Public Actions Desks (PPAD) we run monthly at the surgery, hopefully we will start them again later in the year.

Our PPG team are linked with 'Blidworth on the Move'. A Charity we have with the support of the local Sherwood Community Church and a wonderful group of volunteers including the family business of Rainworth Fencing made it possible to provide a voluntary transport scheme to get the most isolated/vulnerable to the doctors or hospital. Something that is not currently available to many people due to changes in services at the NHS.

Now we have found the voluntary transport scheme has brought new clients for us to work with who need support and a listening ear. Particularly with our links with the NHS both in the community and hospitals as well as other charities and organisation that support people, it seems as a PPG we are unique. The skills and knowledge we have built up has come from almost 10 years now doing the work with patients, and we thank all those who support our work as we move forward. In the near future we will be holding our first 'Zoom' PPG meeting. Let's see how that goes.

Keep Safe

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