

**ALBION STREET GROUP PRACTICE
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Patient Participation Group

The purpose of which is to be representative of our patient population and give constructive feedback to the practice on developing and improving services to patients. The group has its own email account and can be contacted directly SOUCCG.AlbionstreetPPG@nhs.net. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 17th June 2014 2pm at the Surgery.

Hello, my name is Carole Sharma, I have lived in the Rotherhithe Area since the late 1980s and I am the new chair of the PPG for this health centre. My background is in health and social care, I qualified as a mental health nurse many years ago and have specialised in drugs and alcohol, more recently my work has been concerned with national strategy and workforce development for the drug and alcohol sector. I have been a long term patient of the health centre and, I am delighted to be chairing the PPG. The recent reforms of the NHS and how it is funded have put patient participation at the centre of decision making in regards to how local services are funded and, prioritised so the PPG is a vital component of health and social care commissioning locally.

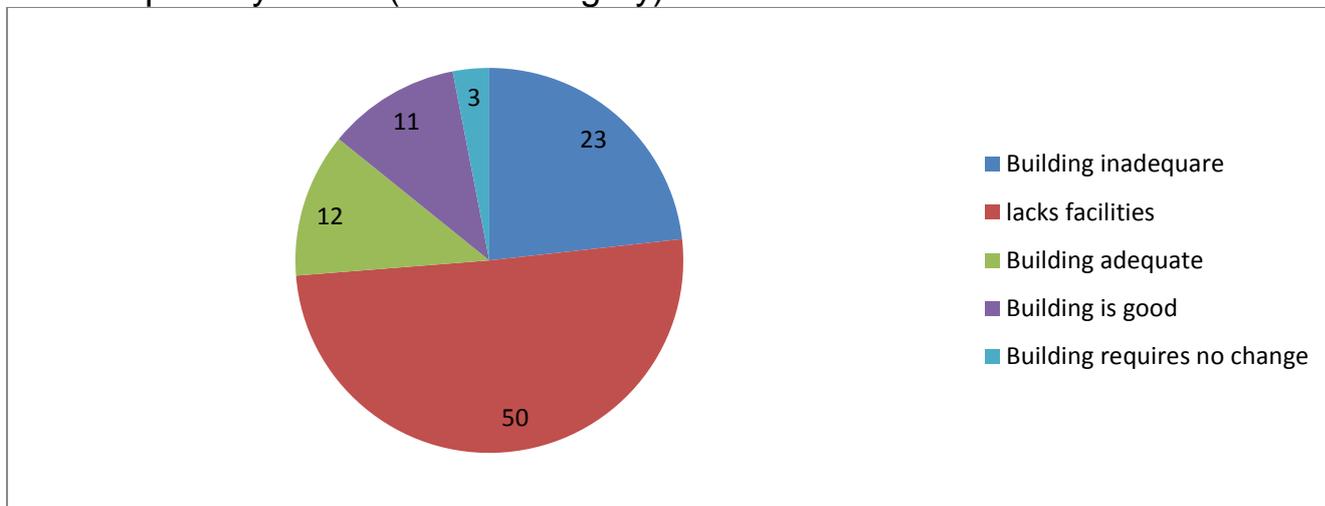
We are currently a small group and we are looking for more patients to come and join us, we meet about 4 times a year and also attend other meetings to do with health care planning and funding in Southwark. If you are interested in the health care available to you or your family, have comments on how the surgery operates, are concerned about all the health services in the borough and how they are planned, funded and delivered then we would really welcome you to the group. The dates and times of the meetings are advertised in the surgery and through this newsletter. The meetings are informal; we are eligible for training provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group for Southwark which assists us to be effective voices from the community. We are supported by the staff of the health centre.

Should you wish to be kept updated with dates and times of the PPG Meetings and receive a copy of our newsletter please hand your details into reception who will pass to Erika

Name **DOB:**
Email address:

Patient Survey Results

We received over a 100 responses to our survey about the Albion Street building. Last year's paper survey about booking an appointment and the use of telephones got a good response from our older population, so this year we used "survey monkey" to capture the views of younger people. We asked "Do you think the ASGP building is suitable for modern primary care" (= a GP surgery) .



Staff Training:

We will be closed on the following dates

Thursday 16 th April	1 – 4pm
Thursday 21 st May	1 – 4pm
Thursday 18th June	1 – 4pm

Useful Contact Nos:

SELDOC

Out of Hours: 02086939066

Guys & St Thomas' Hospital:
02071887188

Southwark Carers attended our last PPG they provide information, advice and support to Carers across the borough. They also aim to raise awareness of the rights and needs of Carers in Southwark. They work in partnership with other local organisations to make sure that Carers get as much support as possible. Contact details are available at www.southwarkcarers.org.uk

Staff News:

Dr Raj Nair has recently become a father for the second time. Mother and son are both doing well.

Dr Jennie Nicholson will be taking maternity leave from the middle of June for about 9 months

We say Goodbye to Dr Robert Davidson when he leaves the practice at the end of July after working with us here for 10 years. He has built up an extremely good rapport with both patients and staff and we will all be sorry to see him go. We wish him well in the future.



We contact patients more than ever via their mobile phones, so please make sure you let Reception have your upto date number. We still need you landline number if you have one