

**ST JAMES MEDICAL CENTRE, TAUNTON
&
ORCHARD MEDICAL CENTRE, NORTON FITZWARREN**

PATIENT GROUP

We are actively seeking new members to join our Patient Group. ✓

It could widen your knowledge of the Practice, provide some interesting discussion, get you involved in some worthwhile activities and enable you to meet new people. ✓

ALL YOU NEED ✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be a patient at the practice - Have an interest in health and well being - Possess a little bit of enthusiasm to try and make a difference at your GP Surgery - Have just a few hours to spare each month
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DON'TS X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You DON'T need to be an expert in health - You DON'T have to worry about not being able to contribute. Just being a patient at the practice provides sufficient experience - You DON'T need to sit at endless boring committee meetings - You DON'T have to give up much of your time - You DON'T have to attend every meeting
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The Patient Group is well organised with its own terms of reference and specific roles. ✓

The Patient Group does all sorts of things such as **NEWSLETTERS**, **WEBSITE UPDATES**, **HEALTH PROMOTION DISPLAYS**, **SURVEYS**, **HEALTHY WALKS**, **FEEDBACK ON SERVICES**, **EVALUATING NEW SERVICES**, and **PATIENT INFORMATION** ✓

The Patient Group is currently under represented by

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| - Unemployed |) | You <u>don't</u> need to fall into one of these groups to join ✓ |
| - Parents / guardians of young children |) | |
| - Ethnic minorities, particularly Polish |) | |
| - Young person in full / part time education |) | |
| - Males under 40 |) | |
| - Registered with a disability |) | |
| - Female over 60 |) | |
| - Males |) | |

YOUR DOCTOR HOPES THAT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED? If so we can arrange a very informal chat with Guy Patey, Practice Manager – Tel 01823 285400 or email contact@stjamesmc.nhs.uk.

There is no pressure or obligation to join. It may not be for you or you may want to try it out and see how it goes? You may just want to be involved in one aspect of the group? All these options and others are open to you. We are keen to have your input and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time.

With best wishes from your Patient Group.