

## **East Cowes Patient Participation Group**

From April 2016, it has been a contractual requirement for all English medical practices to form a patient participation group (PPG) and to make reasonable efforts for this to be representative of the practice population.

Establishing such a group helps:

- To develop a partnership with patients.
- To discover what a range of patients think about services and to establish their priorities.
- To provide a platform to test and modify ideas and plans.
- To assist in promoting NHS initiatives such as cervical screening and prostate cancer screening.

East Cowes Health Centre has an active Patient Participation Group working collaboratively with the Health Centre staff. We are acutely aware that patients are finding it difficult to make appointments and get frustrated when practitioners are running late. We are actively working with the practice to address these issues.

We are seeking additional, younger members to join us. If you are interested in joining our PPG, please contact us through this website. You must be a registered patient of the East Cowes Health Centre.