



Lambeth LINK



PPG PILOT e-Bulletin

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STRENGTHENING Patient Participation Groups

Welcome to the first e-bulletin for the PPG PILOT members.

The pilot is running for **six months** and involves **12 practices**, four in each of the three localities. Hurley Clinic, Lambeth Walk Group, Springfield Medical Centre & Stockwell Group (**NORTH**) Clapham Park Group, 2 Prentis Rd, Streatham Common Practice & Valley Rd (**SOUTH WEST**) Crown Dale, Herne Hill Rd, Tulse Hill & Vassall Rd Medical Centre (**SOUTH EAST**)

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1. First meeting of the pilot groups held on the 21st November



9 out of the 12 practices were able to attend the meeting with practice staff joining PPG members over a working lunch.

We had information to share on the [Carers Hub](#) in Lambeth –which is aiming to get all practices identifying carers and signposting them onto the Hub, the latest DES for practices making *reasonable adjustments* to enable people with learning disabilities (LD) to be able to access primary care, the Food growing CO-OP idea, the [Diabetes Modernisation Initiative](#), the [PPG Network](#) and the work of [LINK](#).

Individuals worked on an article for the front page of the December LINK newsletter which has a print run of 2000 *with an emphasis on encouraging new members*. We also considered our training needs, virtual PPG development and key messages for PPGs.

We all agreed to meet again on the 19th December (see details over the page).

2.

Virtual PPG development

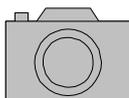


A small working group met to discuss what we want to achieve in relation to developing **Virtual PPGs**. At the moment the groups that meet face to face have no way of contacting those patients who have given their email contacts to the practices, other than going via Practice staff. Ideally we would like all PPGs to have their face to face and virtual group communicating with the practice. **2 Prentis Rd is the only pilot site where the PPG have developed their own website and online forum.** www.2Prentisppg.com.

Another priority is to improve communication across the PPGs to any PPG representatives attending commissioning (or other) meetings so that they can be truly representative.

We will have a report back to the meeting on the 19th December.

3. #feelgoodlambeth



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Are you a keen photographer? Why not take some photos of what helps keep you healthy and happy in your local area and send them in by the 15th January.

More information on the [Lambeth LINK website](#)

4.

Key Dates



- **13th December: Open Day 1pm - 4pm**
2 Prentis Rd Practice, Streatham, SW16 1XU. *Everyone welcome.*
- **19th December: Pilot-wide meeting 11am-12.30 with lunch 12.30-1.30pm**
Large Lecture Theatre Lambeth Walk Practice SE11 6SP.
Take buses 159 and 59 from Brixton.
- **22nd January 2013: PPG Network meeting 6-7.30** LINK office (see below)

5.

Healthy Living Champion training



8 PPG members attended the first day of this free training with the second day on the 11th January 2013 (venue to be confirmed). The course is accredited by the Royal Society for Public Health.

There is an opportunity for a handful of people to do this training via a **distance learning method**, where you work [through the 4 modules](#) in your own time from a folder and then attend for the second day only. **Get in touch straight away if you are interested in this** –as you need to have done all the preparatory work by the 11th January 2013.

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