

BRIDGE LANE GROUP PRACTICE - PATIENT GROUP**PATIENT GROUP**
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The Patient Group is organised by a committee comprising Zenobia Cowan-Davies (chair); Jamie Gillespie (secretary); Julia Rossman; Barrie Temple and David Herbert.

It acts as a link between Bridge Lane Group Practice and its patients.

The committee has two vacancies at the moment. Is this something you could do? It would entail attending 6 to 10 meetings a year and keeping online contact with chair and secretary.

We organise regular meetings and events for all patients. The most recent was held on Tuesday 27 October and was online. 24 people were involved as Dr Bayer gave an update on the Practice and how it was coping with the pandemic. She also described her role as lead clinician in our new Battersea Primary Care Network. Our next patient briefing is on 23 February 2021.

COVID VACCINE UPDATE

We have two urgent messages from our Assistant Practice Manager. They read as follows.

Dear Patients,

Thank you for all your enquiries about the covid-19 vaccine. Bridge Lane is working together with other Battersea practices to set up a Battersea Covid vaccination site at the Junction Health Centre. This is a huge project, but we are hoping that vaccinations will start in early January.

As you may be aware, from the news and government announcements, the vaccine is in limited supply and it will be offered to patients in high risk/priority groups first.

We will contact the relevant patient groups to book appointments as soon as we are able to. You do not need to contact us.

We are sure that you will appreciate that we are working very hard on this at present, and we thank you for your patience.

We will keep our website updated as we receive more details from NHS England.

In the meantime, more information about the Covid vaccine can be found here: <https://www.swlstg.nhs.uk/documents/related-documents/850-phe-11843-covid-19-guide-for-adults-leaflet-download-1/file>

The committee welcomes suggestions and feedback from all patients. You can contact us through secretary Jamie Gillespie on his email address (see above). We appreciate your messages and your support so far.

I am sure you would like me to pass on your thanks to our GPs and all the clinical and support staff, for managing to provide us with a safe primary care service in very difficult circumstances.

Dear Patients,

Battersea GP's have been planning for an effective Covid-19 vaccination programme in Wandsworth. Whilst a good level of vaccinators already exists within primary care, the scale and pace of the vaccination programme will require additional resource support. We are working very hard to ensure sufficient resource is applied to ensure an effective local programme. If you would like to contribute to the success of the local programme at The Junction Health Centre as a vaccinator or steward please email: swlccg.covidvacc@nhs.net

Please indicate your preferred role you would like to support.

Thank you,

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