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Dear Pinn Medical Centre Patient

**The Pinn Medical Centre Patients' Association is looking for new Trustees**

The Pinn Medical Centre Patients' Association (PMCPA) is the official Patient Participation Group (PPG) for the Pinn Medical Centre and as such we are the main forum for consultation between patients and the Practice. In addition we provide the following services:

- **Receiving and providing feedback from patients;**
- **Drivers taking patients to appointments;**
- **Creating and delivering the Pinn Piper;**
- **Health promotion events;**
- **Fundraising and Quiz Nights;**
- **Healthcare information.**

There is now a much more formal recognition than before of the importance of voluntary patient groups like ours, and the need to bring out the largely untapped potential of such groups to improve the quality of healthcare delivery nationwide. Patient participation is now increasingly seen as playing a crucial part in helping GP practices to identify more precisely what is important to patients and how it can improve its service to them. And for many years we have been providing the additional services listed above such as a transport service.

We are a thriving organisation, having doubled our Membership over the last year. But we need to do more, not least in respect of patient/member involvement. **We are now keen to appoint up to four new Trustees to serve on the Board.** The time commitment is for five meetings a year (four Board Meetings and the Annual General Meeting) although our Trustees take part in many other activities to support patients and to develop the work of the Association.

We are not just looking for skills and experience in any particular area, except perhaps of being a patient, however infrequently. If you are interested in joining the PMCPA as a Trustee, and supporting the Practice and its patients, we'd love to hear from you.

And if you had skills and experiences in the areas outlined below, we would certainly make full use of them:

- Management and organisation of particular services and events;
- Charity Law; Board/Company Secretary;
- Health and social services;
- Public education campaigns and activities;
- Marketing: Event promotion, Advertising sales; design; editorial; Press and Media;
- Information Technology, including website support.

Trustee positions are open to all, regardless of age, gender, race, faith, disability or sexual orientation. In order to help achieve a balance of views, insights, and beliefs that are representative of the PMC's patient population, however, and to address UK Government and NHS directives on overcoming historic under-representation in public decision-making at senior levels, applications are particularly welcome from such groups as under-40's; people with disabilities; women; and so forth.

**If you are interested in serving as a Trustee, please visit the PMCPA's website at: [www.pinnpatients.org](http://www.pinnpatients.org) for further details and a Trustee Recruitment Pack.** Alternatively, visit the surgery where this information is displayed on the noticeboard, and where you can get the Recruitment Pack from Reception.

**The deadline for applications for the position of Trustee is 21 February 2020.**

Any patient of the Pinn Medical Centre over 16 years of age can become a Member or a Trustee. If you simply want to become a Member just send your contact details to [secretary@pinnpatients.org](mailto:secretary@pinnpatients.org). Don't worry if you're not sure if you are already a Member, just send your details anyway and we'll let you know.

We welcome your feedback so please email me at [jo@pinnpatients.org](mailto:jo@pinnpatients.org) with any comments and suggestions that you may wish to make.

Yours sincerely

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Chair