



## WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of local Borders residents who meet once a month to discuss the work of the Borders General Hospital.

In the past few months we have been involved in discussions with a wide variety of new initiatives which have included:

- An update on the integration of Health & Social Care
- Improving Planned Care
- Control of infection

We also receive presentations from departmental specialists on such topics as:

- Paediatrics
- Management of services in Ward 16
- Activities in the Department of Medicine for the Elderly

Dr Cliff Sharp the new Medical Director for NHS Borders will speak to both the Public Participation Group and the Public Reference Group on his new role at the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 meeting.

**PATIENT HANDBOOK:** Finally this is complete and we are delighted that, after much hard work and deliberation, a Patient Handbook has been produced to help both outpatients and inpatients attending Borders General Hospital.

**SURVEYS:** Public Members have had a busy time recently helping out with two surveys. In April members of the public and hospital staff were asked to offer their views on the quality of life in the Borders and any improvements they would like to see made. More recently, there was a survey carried out to find out what hospital users thought of public participation in their services. We are very grateful to all those volunteers who offered their time to help

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OR RAISE ANY ISSUES WITH US? IF SO PLEASE CONTACT:**

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