

Do you care about healthcare in East Cambs & Fenland?

Then don't let your opinions go unheard. Contact the Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forum for the East Cambs & Fenland Primary Care Trust.

PPI Forums were created by the Government to act as the voice of the public on health related issues. The Forum for East Cambs & Fenland is made up of local volunteers who are enthusiastic about the health of our community. They are unpaid, unbiased and have statutory powers.

The Forum is involved with consultations such as the South Fenland Services Review, including the future of Doddington Hospital, and they investigate trends such as the over-use of out-of-hours surgeries, and make reports and recommendations on their findings.

Members of the public are encouraged to write to the Forum with any comments or concerns they may have about Primary Care Trust services e.g. GPs, dentists, pharmacies, clinics, etc. These comments determine the work of the Forum, so we need to hear your views!

We would also like to hear from anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Forum; the more members we have, the more we can do to make a difference. You do not have to have experience in the NHS, merely an interest in raising the standards of its services. Members have the opportunity to attend a variety of training courses and networking days, will have all travel costs reimbursed, and will be guided by a team of friendly support staff. All we ask is that you can spare 4-5 hours per week, and can take on assignments of your own as well as working well in a team. It's a unique project; one that you will find interesting, challenging and rewarding.

Administrative support for the Forum is provided Cambridgeshire ACRE. They also facilitate the PPI Forum for local hospitals and other Forums in the area such as the Cambs & Peterborough Mental Health Partnership, Hinchingsbrooke & Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals Forums. For more information or details on how to become a member, please contact *Kim Armitt* on 01353 865351.