IBD PATIENT PANELS
YOUR GUIDE
WHAT IS AN IBD PATIENT PANEL

An IBD Patient Panel is a group of people with Inflammatory Bowel Disease who use the same hospital services and who believe that by talking to and working with their IBD healthcare team they bring a patient perspective that will help improve services.

Crohn’s and Colitis UK support Inflammatory Bowel Disease service specific partnerships between health care professionals who provide that service and patients who receive it. Patient Panels ensure that the experience of patients receiving the service is at the heart of Service Improvement.

HOW CAN IBD PATIENT PANELS HELP?

By ensuring that the experience of patients is at the heart of service improvement, IBD Patient Panels can:

• Provide feedback on current service provision
• Advocate for local IBD Services
• Offer a sounding board for proposals put forward by their IBD healthcare team
• Bring the patient’s perspective to future service developments
• Be proactive in offering suggestions for future service improvements
• Improve clinical practice through the sharing of experiences

WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL IBD PATIENT PANEL?

• Partnership: patients and healthcare professionals collaborating to bring about improvements
• Patient Leadership: driven by the experiences and perspective of the patients
• Respect: every panel member having the opportunity to voice their opinions
• Team work: panel members working together to achieve the agreed actions
• Inclusion: representing the experience of other IBD patients within the hospital
HOW DOES CROHN’S AND COLITIS UK SUPPORT IBD PATIENT PANELS?

- Attending an initial meeting and subsequent meetings or events as appropriate
- Responding to day-to-day queries by email and telephone
- Providing templates and examples of publicity materials
- Enabling networking via the IBD Patient Panel Facebook page
- Offering training opportunities
- Arranging networking events to connect with other panels across the UK
- Providing information and tools to support Crohn’s and Colitis UK national campaigns.

AVERAGE PANEL = 20 MEMBERS ENSURING GOOD REPRESENTATION AT EACH MEETING

MEETINGS HELD EVERY 6–8 WEEKS WHEN NEEDED

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