

## **Message from the Patient Consultative Group Chair**

Dear patient,

As a result of the practice asking people to come forward for the PPG, seven patients; most of whom had been with the practice for a long time, met in August to discuss what positive impact they were able to make on service at Beauchamp House Surgery. There are seven of us at the moment and we would like to increase that number by 2-3; if possible from the under 40s! Starting a new group is always a challenge and as one of our aims is to improve communication I thought people might want to know a bit more about me. I joined Beauchamp House practice when I arrived in Chelmsford with my husband and two small daughters in 1972. I am retired from social care, where I helped people with learning disabilities and my experience includes public health as a Chelmsford Councillor between 1984 and 2001, including some time with the Community Health Council and Broomfield Hospital Trust and Citizens Advice Bureau. I was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2001 so I have a special interest in services for people with long term conditions. I belong to the Chelmsford Area Access Group which works to improve public access to disabled and other people.

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