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Dear Patient Participation / Patient Voice group member,

**Re: National Patient Participation Week**

To help mark Patient Participation Week (30 May – 5 June) I want to give my special thanks for the role you play as a PPG member of your surgery and the commitment you have shown.

Patient participant groups do so much to champion the patient voice, as well as support the staff at GP practices with a range of work. Patients are kept well-informed and are involved through the work that you do as a PPG member. You are pivotal in supporting projects large and small such as website development and improvements to GP surgery premises.

As well as being the Chair of the clinical commissioning group, I'm a GP in Stevenage and so I've had first-hand experience of seeing just how pivotal PPG volunteers are not just for their surgery but for their community. We have seen immense change in the past two years, both to the way we live, access to services, and the rollout of a massive COVID-19 vaccination programme, and PPGs across our area have managed to respond to this positively by taking on vital roles such as vaccination centre marshalls, putting PPG meetings online, and helping the most vulnerable in our communities overcome some of the challenges that we faced with the pandemic restrictions.

We know there is a great deal of hard work going on behind the scenes as well, and our local NHS system will continue to champion your support for the patient voice. I hope that you can take time to reflect on your role and the impact that it makes to others.

Yours sincerely



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