

# The Patient Voice Committee - (TPVC) of The British Pain Society



## Mission and Aims

*To make a difference to the lives of people living with pain and their carers by making the views of patients and carers, based on experience, influential in the design and delivery of the care and support they receive, by working with and for the BPS.*

Since 2001 the Patient Voice Committee has acted in an advisory capacity to Council of the British Pain Society (BPS), ensuring that the views of patients and their carers are represented within the Society. The role of the committee has developed over the succeeding years and its voice is now part of most aspects of the work of the BPS. The following are key areas of focus:

- Support patients, carers, and HCPs in their efforts to better understand and manage pain, and be more involved in decisions about their care;
- Offer professional BPS members access to people with lived experience (first hand) personal knowledge, as patients or personal carers, to facilitate learning and collaboration;
- To provide a lived experience perspective and contribution to BPS activities and to have an overview of national self-management programmes.

The Patient Voice Committee (TPVC) consists of members who have lived experience and healthcare professionals. The Chairman is appointed by BPS Council and is a co-opted member of Council.

## Patient Reference Group

TPVC, on behalf of the BPS, has created the Patient Reference Group for patients and carers to feedback by email on our work, publications and consultations.

## Publications for Patients

*A number of patient information leaflets and reference materials can be found here:*  
[www.britishpainsociety.org/people-with-pain/patient-publications/](http://www.britishpainsociety.org/people-with-pain/patient-publications/)

**Further details on The Patient Voice Committee and BPS publications can be found at:**  
[www.britishpainsociety.org/people-with-pain/](http://www.britishpainsociety.org/people-with-pain/)

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