

The Patient Liaison Committee (PLC) 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, based on experience, influential in the design and delivery of the care and support they receive, by working with and for the BPS.

The Patient Liaison Committee was created in 2001 to act in an advisory capacity to Council of the British Pain Society (BPS), ensuring that the views of patients 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:

- To ensure that there is a patient voice within the British Pain Society.
- To encourage patients to be better informed and involved in decisions about their care.
- To improve patient information within the Society.
- To bring patients and professionals closer together.
- To advise on areas of service improvement and patient liaison and education.
- To raise the profile of pain within the public, professional and public agenda.
- To keep in touch with a range of voluntary organisations concerned with pain.

The Patient Liaison Committee consists of lay members and healthcare professionals. The lay Chairman is appointed by BPS Council and is a co-opted member of Council.

Patient Reference Group

The PLC, 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.

Individual patients and carers are encouraged to sign up to this online group at: <http://eepurl.com/Zalkv>

Publications for Patients

Understanding and Managing Pain After Surgery - Information for patients and their carers (2017)

Understanding & Managing Long-term Pain (2015)

Watermarked taster copies can be viewed on the BPS website and bulk orders of hard copies purchased by contacting the secretariat at publications@britishpainsociety.org

Annual Seminar and Sir Michael Bond Lecture

The PLC hosts seminars on relevant topics. The 2018 seminar incorporates the BPS Sir Michael Bond Lecture and will be broadcast as a webinar.

**Further details on the Patient Liaison Committee and BPS publications can be found at:
<https://www.britishpainsociety.org/people-with-pain/>**

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