



THE BRITISH PAIN SOCIETY PATIENTS & CARERS REFERENCE GROUP

Purpose Statement

The British Pain Society is the largest multidisciplinary professional organisation in the field of pain within the UK. Our membership comprises medical pain specialists, nurses, physiotherapists, scientists, psychologists, occupational therapists and other healthcare professionals actively engaged in the diagnosis and treatment of pain and in pain research for the benefit of patients. We are committed to the effective involvement of patients and carers in our work.

The role of the reference group is to support the British Pain Society and the Patient Liaison Committee with patient input and views ensuring the voice of patients and carers is heard and considered. The reference group seeks to be representative of patients living with pain and carers in terms of type of pain, geographical location, age, management of pain etc.

Methodology

The Society, its Committees and the Patient Liaison Committee are committed to ensuring that all requests for involvement for the reference group are clearly defined in terms of what is expected, have a clear deadline for comments and that feedback is provided back to the reference group about their contributions.

The work of the reference group is predominantly by email on a project specific basis.

Examples of type of work:

- Reviewing and commenting on guidelines and other consultations as appropriate.