

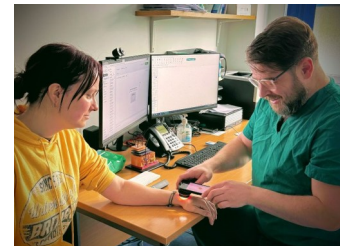


Crossley Street Surgery Patient Participation Group **Special Edition Newsletter** *Winter 2025 (Issue 23)*

Welcome to all our patients to this very Special Edition of our quarterly Newsletter, which we have produced to help launch our fundraising **DERMATOSCOPE APPEAL** - an important initiative to enhance the care this Practice provides for patients.

Why are we fundraising?

Currently, the Surgery has only one NHS-provided **dermatoscope** – a vital device used to examine skin conditions and detect potentially serious issues like skin cancer – to be used for the entire surgery. Given the size of our patient list (around 12,000) and increasing demand for skin assessments, we would greatly benefit from having an additional dermatoscope to better support our hardworking GP team. This would help improve appointment availability and deliver timely care for all our patients.



So, please support our surgery: help us purchase an additional dermatoscope.

Any contribution, big or small, will bring us closer to our goal of £2,000 and help the surgery to continue to provide the highest quality care patients deserve. Remember—**Early detection gives life-saving protection.**

How to donate: a donation box is situated in the waiting room to the right as you enter the surgery waiting rooms. As cash is not always carried these days, a card machine is also available – please ask the receptionist. Also the Appeal has a GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/9f4aa70a> or scan ➤



Thank you for your support! Together, we can make a real difference.

Copies of this Newsletter can be found in the three waiting rooms by the PPG noticeboards. It can also be read on-line at <https://www.crossleystreetsurgery.co.uk>

Please tell friends and family about our DERMATOSCOPE APPEAL.

Thank you.

A new display on the topic of Skin Cancer and the launch of our **DERMATOSCOPE APPEAL** can be seen on the large PPG noticeboard in the downstairs waiting room (on the right as you enter the surgery).





Please take time to read this information and if it raises questions about yourself, a relative or friend, please act, book an appointment. Like all cancers, early detection and treatment is so very important for a good outcome, for recovery. Non-melanoma skin cancer is the UK's most common cancer – over 260,000 cases diagnosed annually. Melanoma, the most serious skin cancer is on the increase – according to Cancer Research UK, 1 in 36 UK males and 1 in 47 UK females will be diagnosed with Melanoma skin cancer in their lifetime. Around 90% of all skin cancers are caused by damage from UVR – always take sun safe action as a prevention.



How to give feedback

If you are a patient at this surgery and would like to contact us, send us your comments, ask questions, offer help or join us, please fill out one of the small forms to be found on the small PPG boards (one by the lift downstairs and one in the upstairs waiting room) and post it in the wooden PPG box at the front of the reception desk.

Crossley Street Surgery  Patient Participation Group	Want to Join? Have a Question? Make a Suggestion?
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<small>Please post completed forms in the wooden box provided at reception</small>	
Name
Email address
Telephone number



A member of the PPG will get back to you. Thank you.

**The Crossley Street Surgery PPG meets every month
(except August and December) at the surgery.**

**Copies of the Minutes and information about the PPG can be found on
the surgery website under 'Have your say' - 'Patient Participation Group'.**