## CHILWELL VALLEY & MEADOWS MEDICAL PRACTICE Patient Participation Group 'Healthy Living' Events 2016/17

In 2016 the PPG, supported by the Practice, applied for funding from the Broxtowe Health Partnership Lifestyle Fund to organise some health information events for patients. A total of £1,360 was awarded and this was used to facilitate four events during 2016 and 2017.





The first event was a large scale drop-in afternoon, run at the Village Hotel, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016, aimed at promoting independence amongst older people. It was open to anyone living in Broxtowe and was publicised widely. Twenty-seven organisations and individuals provided information for up to 300 attendees, with the event being opened by the Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor Graham Harvey and his wife. Free tea and coffee was offered to everyone who came.

Following the success of the first event the PPG decided to run three smaller 'healthy living events' based at Chilwell Meadows Surgery specifically for registered patients of the practice. Practice staff promoted these events, and clinicians could target the invitation to most appropriate individuals. A small number of organisations and individuals were invited to resource the drop-in sessions.

The events focussed on three topics:

- Bones & Joints, on 24<sup>th</sup> Mat 2017, had representation from the National Osteoporosis Society and Fit for Life.
- Weighty Matters, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017, had representation from Everyone Health and a community dietitian giving healthy eating advice.
- Mind & Brain, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017, had representation from Insight Healthcare and Community Mental Health.

Up to 80 people attended each event, with the Mayor of Broxtowe, Councillor Halimah Khaled MBE, visiting two of them, and Prof Helen Stokes Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs, was a guest visitor at one.

