

Memorandum of Understanding

"The SPG is a group of patients, with independent views and opinions, drawn from the PPGs of the GP Practices in the compass of the County of Shropshire. These GP Practices are the members of the SCCG. Thus the SPG and the SCCG are necessarily inter-linked. However, the two groups will have different perceptions, concerns and priorities and will inevitably view topics and issues from different perspectives. This is one of the main strengths of the SPG which will therefore always have to have an "arms length independence" from the SCCG. At the same time, since the two groups need to work together, help each other, and in many ways depend on each other they are, by definition, inter-dependant. The SPG is not owned by the NHS but needs to work within the NHS and to be supported by the NHS to be effective."

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