

Health patient boss gets on his bike to visit Eric Moore Partnership Medical centre at Warrington - By Hannah Al-Taraboulsy

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VOLUNTEERS at an organisation dedicated to helping Warrington patients have been recognised for their services to the community.

The Eric Moore Partnership Patient Participation Group, based at Tanners Lane, was one of 10 across the country to be visited by the National Association for Patient Participation (NAPP).

Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) work with medical practices to advise on service improvements, run health education events and to set up support groups.

On Tuesday NAPP chief executive Graham Box and chairman Danny Daniels came to Eric Moore Health Centre by bicycle as part of a 300-mile tour of the 10 facilities.

Eric Moore was chosen as an excellent example of GPs working with patients after volunteers spent time listening to their views in the waiting room and provided feedback.

Richard MacRae, from the Eric Moore Partnership, said: "This was one of the first groups of its kind to be established in Warrington and over the years we have worked closely with the practice to bring about significant and positive changes for patients.

"We are currently involved in developing plans for the proposed new health centre on the existing site.

We are delighted to have been chosen to be visited by NAPP as part of this tour and are looking forward to showcasing the valuable work of our volunteers."

Nicky O'Connor, NHS Warrington's chief executive, added: "NHS Warrington actively supports patient and public involvement in all aspects of health, and are delighted to help develop PPGs across the Warrington and encourage GP's and their patients to continue working together to make a difference to patient services."

To follow the progress of the tour via an online diary or for more information about PPGs and how to get involved visit napp.org.uk/napp/cycle-tour/