



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR MINCHINHAMPTON PATIENTS

Are you a car driver?

**Can you spare a few hours each week or each month to help those
Minchinhampton Surgery patients who need transport to our Surgery or
for hospital appointments*?**

Minchinhampton Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) runs a flexible and supportive transport scheme for Minchinhampton patients who would otherwise find it difficult to attend either GP or hospital appointments.

- Help as often or as little as you can
- Get to know the area better, meet amazing people and support our local community
- Mileage and parking charges covered**
- Supported by Minchinhampton Surgery Patient Participation Group***

Please contact us on 01453 887314 or email iandsmcp@gmail.com for more information on helping with either driving or with taking bookings

*Hospital appointments are usually in either Gloucester or Cheltenham

**At the end of the drive, the patient pays the driver the non-profit (non-taxable) mileage allowance and parking charges when appropriate. This is explained to patients in advance. This way our scheme is sustainable as well as helpful. We calculate costs and tell both patient and driver. Income tax and car-insurance are not affected.

*** Patients needing this service ring us on our dedicated PPG line. Our transport coordinators connect the patient with an available driver. This driver rings the patient to make or confirm more detailed arrangements. If drivers cannot accept a request, they can decline it without having to speak to the patient. The PPG pays for the required standard government DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check for drivers. There are extra ways we can assist our drivers - please ask us for more information. The service is very flexible, and many drivers find they are asked to drive only once or twice per week.