



HULL & EAST RIDING GLAUCOMA GROUP

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Welcome to the Hull and East Riding Glaucoma Group Newsletter for Autumn.

Group news: To meet or not to meet, that is the question. As you may remember in the last newsletter I identified the possibility of being able to hold a meeting of the group in October. The feeling was that this would allow not just time to see what the summer might bring, and for the easing back into 'normal' life, but also allow time to react to changing circumstances. I did however stress any arrangements were tentative, and having now discussed the situation, myself, Liz, Martin and a small representative sample of members have decided it's best not to try to organise anything

for what's left of 2021. We feel there's too many unknowns looming up between now and Christmas to have much confidence in going ahead with anything and that it would be better for all concerned to leave it for a fresh start in the new year. Covid 19 is still very much with us and affecting people's lives. We are aware that attendance at gatherings etc is very much a personal and individual choice, but feel as a group we want to continue to protect the health and well being of our members. So decision made - **no October meeting** and no glaucoma meetings until next year, when the situation overall will hopefully be more positive.

Other news: Sight Support

We're very pleased to offer our congratulations to Alison Stannard services manager who has been made a medallist of the Order of the British Empire for services to people with visual impairments particularly during Covid. A well deserved recognition for all her hard work. The Glaucoma Group certainly appreciate the help, advice and support she gives us,-a great enabling contribution as far as the group is concerned.

Glaucoma UK continue to offer digital information sessions for those with online access. Information regarding how to register can be found on their website www.glaucoma.uk/support-groups, or by phoning 01233648164

Eye Clinic Clinics are being held, although an inevitable delay in appointments continues to be the case, but they are still "validating" all patient records in relation to individual glaucoma risk and therefore prioritising appointments according to need.

A little tale: Regarding getting some joy into my life I thought I would share with you the following which I was delighted to receive from a member whose daughter I taught when she was 6 years old.



Obviously very perceptive even at such a young age!

I'll finish by reminding you as always if at any time you wish to stop receiving the Newsletter and have your name removed from the mailing list all you have to do is phone Sight Support and ask for your details to be removed (01482 342297)

I hope to be in touch again before Christmas when it will be possible to identify a more positive situation and a programme of meetings and speakers for 2022. In the meantime take care and keep safe. Best wishes Kay Slingsby