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Overview

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is responsible for commissioning a broad range of healthcare for the population of Wiltshire. We are led by experience local GPs drawn from across the county, who provide clear clinical leadership to the big decisions affecting the future of healthcare provision in Wiltshire, carefully tailored to meet the differing needs of people locally.

Our vision is to ensure the provision of a health service which is high quality, effective, clinically-led and local. We are committed to delivering healthcare that meets the needs of Wiltshire people, to consult and engage with our population to enable them to be involved in decisions made about health services and to deliver those services to people in their own homes or as close to home as possible.

The right healthcare, for you, with you, near you

New Chairman of Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group

After almost three years as Chairman of Wiltshire CCG, Dr Peter Jenkins stepped down from his role on 30 September, handling responsibility of chairing the commissioning of Wiltshire's health services to newly elected Dr Richard Sandford-Hill.

Dr Sandford-Hill was elected through a majority vote process by Wiltshire GPs, who make up the CCG membership of 50 practices, and will be responsible for shaping the strategic direction of the CCG together with members of its Governing Body.

Dr Sandford-Hill, is a Senior Partner at Market Lavington Surgery and is delighted to be taking up this new opportunity. Having spent four years as a Governing Body member of the CCG, he has a sound understanding of the organisation and of the issues we face.

Providing fair access to high quality, locally delivered health services, with people encouraged to take a personal responsibility for their health, is a key priority for Dr Sandford-Hill.

Health services in Wiltshire need to adapt to current and future demand and population trends and Dr Sandford-Hill will work closely with our partners across health and social care services, as well as voluntary organisations, to ensure the CCG will be able to provide strong, sustainable health and care services now and for future generations.

Firm commitment made to support carers



Local organisations have made a firm commitment to work together to recognise, support and promote the wellbeing of carers by signing a memorandum of understanding.

By signing the document at the recent Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Board meeting, the organisations have committed to abide by a number of principles. These focus on:

- Carers' physical health and emotional wellbeing
- Supporting and empowering carers to manage their caring role and their life outside of caring
- Raising carer awareness within health and social care
- Respecting carers as expert partners in care
- Improving information sharing and early identification of the needs of vulnerable carers

The updated Wiltshire Carers' Strategy, due to be published in March 2018, will detail how this will be achieved.

Peter Jenkins, Chair of Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Deputy Chair of the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board said: "We recognise how important it is to support carers in their role because without them giving their time and commitment to tend to the needs of their friends and families, the number of people who are looked after in their own homes would be fewer and the impact on the health and social service system would be overwhelming.

We understand the demands placed on carers and the difficulties they may face looking after someone - we welcome this memorandum of understanding as our carers deserve to be valued and supported."

Representatives from the following organisations have signed the memorandum of understanding:

- Wiltshire Council
- NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Salisbury Hospital Foundation Trust
- Bath Royal United Hospital
- Great Western Hospital
- South West Ambulance Service
- NHS Foundation Trusth
- Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership
- Healthwatch Wiltshire
- Carer Support Wiltshire



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