

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 experienced 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

News from the CCG!

OTC - easy as 1 2 3

- 1 Advice** - think 'pharmacy first'
Your local pharmacist is an expert in medicine. They can advise you about common ailments and provide over the counter medicines
- 2 Accessible**- the high street can help
You can buy a variety of affordable over the counter medicines from pharmacists, local shops and the high street
- 3 As good as prescribed!**
Many over the counter medicines are the same as those your GP can prescribe

Change to prescribing of over the counter medicines

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is following new guidance set out by NHS England in March 2018, meaning that for 35 minor, short-term conditions, medicines that are available over the counter will no longer routinely be prescribed.

The guidance has been published following a period of national public consultation and recommends that over the counter medicines associated with minor, short-term conditions which get better by themselves, or can be self-treated by the patient, should no longer be available on NHS prescription.

Medicines under the guidance include treatments for coughs, colds, dandruff, mild cystitis, nappy rash, warts and verrucae, ear wax, head lice and mild dry skin. A full list of conditions is available www.wiltshireccg@nhs.uk/over-the-counter

This means that some patients who contact their GP Practice to make an appointment regarding any of the 35 conditions may be advised by the receptionist to seek advice from a pharmacist instead. There are certain scenarios where certain patients should continue to have their treatments prescribed.

To find out more visit www.wiltshireccg@nhs.uk/over-the-counter

'Stub it out' Six months to go!

From 1 January 2019 staff, patients and visitors (including contractors and suppliers) will no longer be able to smoke anywhere on NHS sites, including the grounds and gardens or in vehicles and car parks.

STUB IT OUT



All NHS providers across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire are committed to no tobacco use on site and many have already started to provide support to staff and patients to either stop smoking or manage their nicotine dependency while at work or during their stay in hospital.

Read the full news article at <http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/news-2/stub-it-out-six-months-to-go>

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Families and Children's Transformation Programme Survey

The Families and Children's Transformation Programme (FACT) is a programme of work being undertaken by a wide range of organisations looking to make lives better for children, young people and families.

The organisations involved range from the council, police, NHS and schools to family support services, early years' providers such as children's centres, child minders and nurseries and also includes a wide variety of community and voluntary sector partners.

The intention of the programme is to align working priorities and practices as much as possible, to make it easier for people to access consistent information, advice and support from services at a time when they need them. The programme can only do that by working with children, young people and families to find out what is most important to them.

In order to reach as many families as possible, an online survey has been created to gather views on some of the key stages of childhood and parenting. The survey can be answered by parents/carers or by children and young people looking at the questions relevant to them.

[Access the survey here to share your views](#). The survey closes on 7 September 2018.

Please have your say and if you have any further feedback contact FACT@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Campaign

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If you notice blood in your pee, even if it's 'just the once', tell your doctor.



We're supporting Public Health England's Be Clear on Cancer campaign. For more information and downloadable resources visit <http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/our-campaigns/blood-in-pee-2>

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