

June update

New Salisbury health facility gets planning permission

Proposals for a new, state-of-the-art GP practice on part the site of the former Old Manor Hospital, on Wilton Road, Salisbury have been granted planning permission. The new, GP-led development will be the new home for Grove House and New Street practices, and the building will be paid for and developed by the practices, who have recently merged to become Salisbury Medical Practice.

Notice of the planning permission is available on Wiltshire Council's website at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment//2012/0017/applicationdocument.htm>

NHS Wiltshire launches consultation on Wiltshire Falls and Bones Health Strategy 2012-14

The Wiltshire Falls and Bones Health Strategy 2012-14 was launched for public consultation on Thursday 21 June. The main aim of the strategy is to reduce the number of falls which result in injury.

NHS Wiltshire is seeking the views of local people, service users and carers, who's input into discussions about the future shape of the services will allow us to gain as wide a view as possible as to how Wiltshire tackles falls and bone health over the next two years.

The strategy focuses on five priority areas:

- Falls and osteoporosis care pathways
- Multi-disciplinary falls assessment and interventions
- Osteoporosis assessment and treatment
- Best practice management of people after a hip fracture
- Raising awareness of falls and bone health, and the importance of a healthy lifestyle

Maggie Rae, Corporate Director of Public Health and Public Protection, says

“Falls can be very serious for older people but there are many simple steps you can take to reduce your chance of falls and fractures. The aims of the Falls and Bone Health Strategy are to: improve falls and fracture services used by Wiltshire residents and make sure that services respond to the needs of older people; halt the rising number of falls and related injuries experienced by older people each year; and support older people to access a wide range of community resources.”

Your views on the draft falls and bone health strategy will help us to ensure we have got the priorities for Wiltshire right and we look forward to hearing from you. **All comments on the draft strategy must be received by 13th September 2012.** The draft strategy and

consultation document can be found on the NHS Wiltshire website here: <http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/Clinicians/For-healthcare-professionals/For-healthcare-professionals.htm> which also includes a questionnaire that you can complete for letting us know your views/comments.

NHS 111 – Award of contract for call-handling

The contract for the call handling and clinical assessment elements of the new NHS 111 service in Wiltshire and Bath and North East Somerset has been awarded to Harmoni, subject to contract finalisation.

Clinical Commissioning Groups and Harmoni will be working with other local stakeholders to deliver a high quality service for patients in Wiltshire and Bath and North East Somerset with urgent care needs, from April 2013.

Ed Macalister-Smith, Chief Executive of the NHS B&NES and Wiltshire PCT cluster said: "We know people can be confused about which NHS service to use when they need help quickly, and too often they use the wrong service. NHS 111 is an important step in our journey towards improving the way that patients use urgent healthcare services. We look forward to working with Harmoni to implement the call-handling and triage elements of the wider NHS 111 service".

The next PCT cluster Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 July at 10am at Bath & North East Somerset PCT headquarters, St Martin's Hospital, Clara Cross Lane, Bath. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Papers are published a week before the meeting on www.wiltshire.nhs.uk or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk).