

September 2012 update

Transition update

Wiltshire's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the new GP-led commissioning organisation which will be responsible for buying local health services in Wiltshire, continues to develop its commissioning arrangements before it applies for 'authorisation' status in November 2012.

The organisation will take up commissioning leadership from April 2013. The organisation has established its Clinical Governing Board, with 14 voting members (consisting of a Chairman, three GPs who will act as 'locality representatives', an additional three GPs, a registered nurse and a secondary care specialist doctor, one Chief Accountable Officer, one Chief Finance Officer, one practice manager and two lay members) and eight non-voting members: (three 'locality' directors, Wiltshire Council's Director of Social Services, the Director of Public Health for Wiltshire, one member of HealthWatch and two lay members).

The CCG is considering its staffing structure whilst developing those commissioning functions it intends to keep in house. It is estimated that the organisation will have around 70 staff members and it will hold responsibility for managing a budget of approximately £460m to support the commissioning of high quality health services in Wiltshire. Working closely with GPs and other clinicians, the CCG will lead on the development of plans and projects which help meet the NHS's required national savings target of £20 billion.

Wiltshire CCG will take up responsibility for commissioning in 'shadow' form from October 2012, with support from the existing Primary Care Trust staff.

Wiltshire CCG Stakeholder Assembly

Representatives from patient groups, voluntary and community organisations, Army Primary Care, Wiltshire GPs and the local council met to discuss Wiltshire CCGs development and priorities across the county when Wiltshire CCGs held its Stakeholder Assembly on Tuesday 11 September.

Seventy Four delegates received presentations about Mental Health, Preventing Ill Health, Long Term Conditions (including dementia), Planned Care, End of Life, Community and Integrated Care and Unplanned Care & Frail Elderly with the assembly finishing with delegates given the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session with a panel consisting of health professionals and GPs. A wide range of questions were raised covering a variety of themes and attendees welcomed the potential to gain a deeper understanding and to hold meaningful discussions which have an impact on future decision making. The input from GPs was much appreciated as bringing a fresh dimension and honesty to the debate.

Stoptober - Smokefree Campaign

Stoptober will begin on 1 October 2012 and provides a wide range of support, guidance and encouragement for smokers wishing to attempt to go smokefree for 28 days. Stoptober is a positive and supportive campaign to help people achieve their stop smoking goal.

Stoptober is a through the line initiative, incorporating TV, radio, print and online advertising, social media, a regional roadshow, ongoing customer communications and partnership support - as well a full PR campaign and national media partnership.

It will centre around a new Stoptober pack, mobile phone app and 28-day text support programme. These will be available for participants to order and download through www.smokefree.nhs.uk/Stoptober. A range of other collateral including posters, information cards and in-pharmacy assets will be available on the NHS Smokefree Resource Centre www.smokefree.nhs.uk/resources.

NHS Wiltshire launches its Neurological Conditions booklet

The fourth annual stakeholder event for people with long term neurological conditions was held at Devizes Sports Club on Friday 3 August.

The booklet has been compiled and created by NHS Wiltshire with input from people living with long term conditions and their carers. It gives information on the services available in Wiltshire and copies are now available for the public.

Neurological conditions include a wide range of conditions from stroke and brain injuries, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinsons Disease and Motor Neurone Disease, through to very rare often genetic conditions.

Some conditions cause progressive decline and disability whilst others can cause sudden unpredictable periods of symptoms after long periods of general good health.

To view the booklet online go to:

<http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/Downloads/Publications/leaflets/NHS-Neurology-booklet.pdf>

The next PCT Cluster Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 September at 10am in the Conference Room, Southgate House, Pans Lane, Devizes.

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)