

Update – August 2009

Swine flu:

The Department of Health launched the National Pandemic Flu Service on 23.07.09 which will diagnose swine flu and provide a unique identifying number which flu friends use to pick up antivirals on behalf of the patient. People should only contact their doctor direct rather than using the National Pandemic Flu Service if:

- They have a serious underlying illness
- They are pregnant
- They have a sick child under one year old
- Their condition suddenly gets much worse
- If their condition is still getting worse after 7 days (5 for a child)

Savernake Judicial Review – Justice Ross Cranston of the High Court decides in favour of NHS Wiltshire on all counts:

Responding to the outcome of the Judicial Review (22-07-09), Jeff James, Chief Executive of NHS Wiltshire, said:

“We are please with the outcome of today’s Judicial Review of the decisions we took in January 2007. We knew when we took these decisions that they would be open to scrutiny by judicial review. We took care to ensure that our decisions were reasonable and that the decision making process was fair. It is very good to see that the judgement clearly confirms that our approach was fair and reasonable.”

“Today’s decision ends a period of uncertainty for our staff and for the local community. I hope that we can soon begin a new phase in the dialogue between the people of Marlborough, their representatives and NHS Wiltshire that is focussed on helping to keep people healthy and ensuring that they have services when they need them. NHS Wiltshire is keen to move on and to work with people and organisations to secure a good future for the NHS across the country.”

The judgement is available in full on the NHS Wiltshire website (www.wiltshirepct.nhs.uk). In the meantime, NHS Wiltshire and Marlborough residents have met and will continue to meet to discuss ways of moving forward.

Healthy teeth are all aboard at Noah’s Ark:

Children and pre-school assistants at Noah’s Ark pre-school in Warminster received an award on Monday 20 July 2009 in recognition of their activities to keep their teeth healthy in the under-fives. Debbie Gillingham, Leader at Noah’s Ark said:

“We’ve provided a ‘Dentists Corner’ for the children, where they can visit the dentist and take it in turns in role play to be the dentist and the patient... They have had loads of fun and learned something really important for the future.”

Wiltshire schools’ bid to become even healthier:

Wiltshire’s schools have been so successful in engaging with the National Healthy Schools programme that the county has been selected to be part of a brand new initiative which will be piloted in the South West. NHS Wiltshire has funded an additional £87,000 which will allow 50% of schools to go forwards to the next stage - Healthy Schools Plus. Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health for NHS Wiltshire said:

“NHS Wiltshire is determined to make a positive difference to the health inequalities existing in Wiltshire and the Healthy Schools programme contributes significantly. Children and young people learn skills and develop knowledge through the initiative, such as the importance of eating healthy, nutritious food, being physically active and developing their confidence and resilience through emotional wellbeing.”

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More NHS dental services come to Westbury:

The second of two new dental practices offering services to new patients from the Westbury area opened in Edward Street, Westbury on 01.08.09. The service is provided by Dentalcare Limited, based in The Mall and has been commissioned as part of NHS Wiltshire's £3.2 million investment in NHS Dentistry. Registrations will be initially offered to 500 new patients, who must be resident in the BA13 postcode area.

Mr Ranjit Dharwar, the dentist who will provide the new service for Dentalcare, said:

"We will be holding an open day on 1 August between 11am and 3pm and will be delighted to welcome new patients from Westbury to come and see what is available and to register with us."

NHS Wiltshire Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23 September 2009, venue to be confirmed.**

Papers are published a week before the meeting on www.wiltshirepct.nhs.uk or on request from Maggie Goodman, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733827, email: maggie.goodman@wiltshire.nhs.uk)

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