

NHS Update– December 2009

Stakeholders' Assembly

There was a good turnout of guests at the most recent Stakeholders' Assembly which was held on Thursday 27 November at the Neeld Hall in Chippenham. They were asked for their views on their community NHS services as a vital part of our ambition to make health services in Wiltshire the best they can be. The focus of the day was the Medium-term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Strategy. NHS Wiltshire representatives joined guests on tables to share ideas and discuss future priorities. A report of the day is being prepared and will be circulated to all those who were invited to attend. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Jo Howes.

Joint Engagement on Wiltshire's Single Equality Schemes

Everyone should have equal opportunities and be free from discrimination and harassment. This is the aim of Wiltshire's public sector organisations who are inviting people to comment on equality issues.

Wiltshire Council, NHS Wiltshire, Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have joined forces to make it easier for people to feedback their views on the organisations' work to promote equality. By working together they can also take joint action and provide consistent services which are fair for all.

The project will inform the equalities action plans for each organisation. The information will also be shared across the voluntary and community sector to help plan services.

An engagement event will be held in February 2010 for people to find out more and give their views face to face. People interested in attending can e-mail equalities@wiltshire.gov.uk. More details will be available shortly.

Community groups and organisations can also request a visit from one of the partners by contacting Wiltshire Council's corporate equality and diversity team at equalities@wiltshire.gov.uk on 0300 456 0100 or text phone on 01225 712500.

Groups and organisations across Wiltshire will be contacted from December 7 for their views. Anyone wanting to read or comment on the consultation can do so in one of the following ways:

- By filling in a form at one of the libraries across Wiltshire
- By e-mailing equalities@wiltshire.gov.uk
- By completing a survey on-line at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk / www.wiltshirepct.nhs.uk / www.wiltshire.police.uk / www.wiltshirefirebrigade.com

The consultation will run until March 2, 2010.

Primary Care Centre for Devizes takes a step closer

A planning application which would bring forward the development of a Primary Care Centre (PCC) for Devizes is to be made to Wiltshire Council.

The planning application signals a change to the original plans as local GPs and NHS Wiltshire take the opportunity to co-locate the Primary Care Centre on land alongside a purpose-build retirement village on land near London Road. The majority of patients visiting GP practices are aged over 65 so placing the Primary Care Centre within the new

development makes sense for patients and delivers the scheme earlier than the previous planned development on land near Green Lane Hospital.

The planning application for the development is due to be submitted to Wiltshire Council in mid-December, and subject to approval, the Primary Care Centre could be ready to open in late 2011

Swine Flu vaccination programme

The H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccination programme continues to roll out in Wiltshire this month, local GPs are contacting patients who fall into priority groups, to invite them to receive the vaccine.

The priority groups have been nationally determined by two independent expert committees, the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisation, and the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies.

The vaccination is also being offered to frontline health and social care staff who are at increased risk of infection and of transmitting that infection to patients.

New NHS dentistry in Chippenham

NHS Wiltshire and Dr Michael Frain Ltd are pleased to announce the opening of a new NHS Dental Services Centre in Chippenham in January 2010 which will provide NHS treatment for an additional 10,000 patients, registration starts from 7 December 2009.

NHS Stop Smoking Walk-in Clinic for Salisbury

A new Salisbury Stop Smoking Clinic will be run by NHS Stop Smoking advisors as a "walk-in" clinic every Tuesday between 5.15pm and 6.15pm in the Salisbury Central Health Clinic at Avon Approach from Tuesday 17 November. There is no need for people to make an appointment, people can simply call in, and they will be seen by a Specialist NHS Advisor.

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27 January 2009, in the Conference Room at Southgate House, Devizes**

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

For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please contact your lead Community Engagement Manager:

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