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News Update

UPDATE ON TRANSFORMING HEALTH SERVICES IN OXFORDSHIRE



OCCG held an Extraordinary Board meeting on 10 August 2017 in Oxford and made decisions on the outcome of the Big Health and Care Consultation (Phase One of the Oxfordshire Transformation Plan). The Board agreed to make changes to critical care, acute stroke services and acute hospital beds across Oxfordshire, and to planned care and maternity services at the Horton General hospital in Banbury. For more information [click here](#) and to listen to an audio recording of the meeting [click here](#)

BOOK TO SEE A DOCTOR AT WEEKENDS OR IN THE EVENING



You can book an appointment to see a doctor on Saturdays and Sundays and in the evenings in Oxfordshire. OCCG has commissioned a scheme to allow more patients to see a GP or a practice nurse during these times to further improve healthcare in Oxfordshire.

For more information on the scheme and how to make an appointment [click here](#)

DEDICATED STAFF HELP PATIENTS MOVE OUT OF TRAUMA UNIT



OCCG employees joined other NHS professionals to help move 54 patients out of the two wards at the Trauma Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, on Friday 4 August. The move was necessary following a report on the unit by fire safety experts.

Anne Lankester, Victoria Harte, Liam Oliver, Helen Hunt (pictured left) and Alison Chapman, who all work for OCCG, were part of a large team of health professionals who moved the patients safely from the unit to two other wards in the hospital. The OCCG staff are all qualified nurses except for Victoria who is a therapeutic radiographer.

Anne, said: 'We were delighted to help out and lend a hand to move the patients safely to other wards working alongside other dedicated colleagues in the NHS.'

For more information on the move which was organised by Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, [click here](#)

NEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Young people will benefit from the new service which has been commissioned by OCCG. It brings together the NHS and voluntary sector working to reduce waiting times for young people who require support, with tailored services to improve their mental health and wellbeing. For more information [click here](#)

Reminders

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON OPTIONS FOR A STOP SMOKING SERVICE



Oxfordshire County Council has proposed six models for local tobacco cessation services (including the Local Stop Smoking Service) in the county from 1 April 2018. This follows an engagement exercise with local people and other stakeholders about the current Local Stop Smoking Services and wider tobacco control initiatives.

You can take part in a survey to share your views on the six options, and view a short video to explain the proposals and supporting consultation documents by [clicking here](#) The consultation closes on Thursday 17 August 2017.

Partnership Information

DO YOU WANT TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES?



The Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is looking for an Oxfordshire resident who has an interest in local health issues to join them as a co-opted member.

The committee works to strengthen the voice of local people and improve the health of Oxfordshire residents by ensuring their needs and experiences are considered as an integral part of the purchase, delivery and development of health services.

For a job description and the find out how to apply contact Katie Read on 07584 909530 or Julie Dean on 07393 001089 or email: Katie.read@oxfordshire.gov.uk The closing date for applications is Friday 25 August.

GET INVOLVED IN THE MATERNITY SERVICES PARTNERSHIP



This new initiative wants lay representatives and volunteers to join them to help maintain effective maternity services in Oxfordshire. The partnership is being led by Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and will regularly ask local women, families and communities for their views on local maternity care. For a job description for either role and to apply [click here](#)

GET INVOLVED IN THE Q COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES



You can join like minded people via the Q initiative to improve health and care locally. Q is run by the Health Foundation which is creating opportunities for people to come together and form a community in the region – sharing ideas, enhancing skills, and collaborating to make health and care better. For more information and to find out how to join the initiative by Monday 11 September [click here](#)

READ THE LATEST 'INVOLVEMENT MATTERS' NEWSLETTER



The newsletter explains how to take part in a cancer study looking at the significance of weight loss as part of the condition, why researchers want you to cut back on eating red meat and a call for kidney patients to join a new online advisory panel. To read the newsletter [click here](#)

Locality News

PATIENT FORUM MEETINGS BEING HELD IN PUBLIC IN OXFORDSHIRE



We'll keep you updated on future patient participation group meetings that are being held in public that you can take part in to help shape and improve health care.

Please contact Richard McCrann at South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit Communications Team if you have any questions about this e-bulletin:
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