



Talking Health

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News Update

KASSAM MEETING ON TRANSFORMING HEALTH SERVICES



OCCG has invited people to an event at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford next month to seek their views on its five year Transformation Programme.

This plan is looking at new ways of delivering health and social care to improve the overall health of Oxfordshire's population, prevent people from getting ill, improve quality and make best use of health budgets.

At the meeting on Monday 6 June, OCCG will reveal its initial ideas and ask for feedback from invited stakeholders representing health, social care, voluntary and community sectors.

During the day stakeholders will consider the following areas as part of the plan: maternity and paediatrics, urgent and emergency care, elective, diagnostic and specialist care, mental health and learning disabilities.

For more information about Transformation [click here](#) or email queries to CSCSU.talkinghealth@nhs.net

CHAIR WANTED FOR TOWNLANDS STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP



The role of the group is to act as a forum where patient, carer and community/voluntary group representatives, OCCG, the Royal Berkshire and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trusts and Oxfordshire County Council can meet, discuss and be involved in the Townlands Hospital redevelopment programme.

The chair must be able to demonstrate a degree of independence of any organisation or individual involved with or connected to the programme. For further information and to apply [click here](#)

'THE BIG EVENT' TO PROMOTE NATIONAL CARERS WEEK



Carers Oxfordshire is holding 'The Big Event' in Abingdon on Thursday 9 June (10am to 4pm) to help promote carer friendly communities in Oxfordshire as part of Carers Week (6 - 12 June).

The free event is being held at the Abingdon Health and Wellbeing Centre, OX14 3GD and will include an information fair, first aid course, meditation and the launch of the 'rally round' initiative - this aims to help people stay safe and well at home. For further information and to book a place [click here](#)

You might like to wear a splash of yellow during Carers Week to support the many unpaid carers in Oxfordshire who look after frail, ill and disabled people. For more information on how to donate money so you can take part [click here](#)

PUBLIC WELCOME AT OCCG's BOARD MEETING IN BANBURY



Local residents are invited to attend OCCG's next Board meeting at the Main Hall, Town Hall Buildings, Banbury, OX16 5QB on Thursday 26 May (9am to 12.45pm).

The meeting will include an update from the Chief Executive David Smith about the progress OCCG is making to improve patient care further. To find out how to submit a question to the Board and for further information [click here](#)

MANAGING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



You can access useful information on the OCCG website on managing your child's health. This includes the [child health booklet](#) providing tips and advice on how best to deal with common childhood illnesses.

You can also find out how young people with mental health issues in Oxfordshire are being given better help and support via a new plan developed by OCCG. For more information [click here](#)

TELL A FRIEND ABOUT OUR TALKING HEALTH WEBSITE



OCCG's Talking Health website allows people to take part in local consultations, surveys and public events to find ways to improve local health services. The site also lets people feedback their ideas and thoughts on services helping OCCG to deliver better quality healthcare.

Why not ask a friend to join Talking Health by [registering here](#) - it will only take a few minutes. They will have the option of receiving this newsletter to keep them up to date with developments and events at OCCG, in the NHS and among partners. People can also be put on the distribution list to receive this newsletter by emailing: CSCSU.talkinghealth@nhs.net

Reminders

PPG AWARENESS WEEK: 6 - 11 JUNE



Patient Participation Group (PPG) Awareness Week is being held nationally from 6 to 11 June 2016. This is a good opportunity for local practices to develop or boost their PPGs. The week aims to promote the role and benefits of PPGs to patients, the public and health professionals.

Please go to the website of the National Association for Patient Participation (NAPP) for more [information here](#) - you can also download a poster to help promote PPGs in your surgery [click here](#)

HEALTH INEQUALITIES COMMISSION SESSION: 23 MAY IN OXFORD



The next session of the Oxfordshire Health Inequalities Commission takes place on 23 May to hear evidence in health inequalities in housing, education, rural living, and poverty.

The previous three sessions, held in Kidlington, Bicester and Oxford, welcomed submissions from professionals in pregnancy and the early years sectors, and those involved in the health of people of working age and older people. For an update on the 11 April meeting [click here](#)

The commission is being led by Professor Sian Griffiths - pictured. Its next meeting is in the Council Chamber, Oxford Town Hall, Oxford on Monday 23 May (9.30am to 12.30pm). For more information [click here](#)

STAY FIT AND HEALTHY: TAKE PART IN THE 'ONE YOU' CAMPAIGN



Public Health England's campaign, 'One You', is aimed at helping adults across the country avoid future diseases caused by modern lifestyles.

Everyday habits and behaviours - such as eating too much unhealthy food, drinking more alcohol than is recommended, continuing to smoke and not being active enough - are responsible for around 40 per cent of all deaths in England, and cost the NHS more than £11 billion a year. For more information [click here](#)

BECOME A 'MYSTERY SHOPPER' AND HELP IMPROVE PATIENT CARE

OCCG wants to recruit 'mystery shoppers' to gather people's comments about their experience of hospital services.

The project, working with the [Patients Association](#) asks for feedback straight after people have had contact with health services, so it's easier to remember details and OCCG can take action to improve things more quickly.

If you have recently been an inpatient or outpatient at the John Radcliffe, the Churchill, The Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre or the Horton General Hospital, and can spare the time to help, there are a number of ways to obtain the information sheet and mystery shopper questions:

- email Jane Brooks at the Patients Association jane.brooks@patients-association.com
- for a print version call the Patients Association on 020 8423 9111 or write to OCCG Mystery Shopper Project, c/o The Patients Association, PO Box 935, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 3YJ.

WANTAGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL CLOSING TO ENSURE LONG TERM SAFETY

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust will be closing Wantage Community Hospital and relocating services currently provided there to alternative local settings from early this summer.

This is a planned closure, required on safety grounds, to permanently eradicate the risk of legionella in the hot water system. For further information [click here](#)

Partnership Information

CONSULTATION ON PLANS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN'S SERVICES



Oxfordshire County Council will be recommissioning services for disabled children from April 2017 to include community short breaks (holiday playschemes, after-school activities and youth groups), short break overnights (respite) at Viking House and Sycamore and the Children's Home at Summerfield.

We would appreciate your views on services for disabled children and their families in Oxfordshire and our proposal for these services from April 2017. To have your say [click here](#) The survey closes on 9 June 2016.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ENERGY LINK PROJECT IN HEADINGTON



Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is holding two drop-in exhibitions on Wednesday 18 May to explain its plans for the Energy Link project.

The events will allow people to share their views on the proposed route of a pipeline to connect two hospital sites in the city and to highlight plans to minimise disruption as part of any work.

The two sessions will be held at:

- League of Friends Café, Churchill Hospital, Old Road from 8.30am to 11am
- League of Friends Café, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way from 3pm to 6pm

For more information on the drop in sessions [click here](#) or visit the trust website to find out more on the Energy Link project [click here](#)

BECOME A GOVERNOR FOR THE OXFORDSHIRE HOSPITAL SCHOOL (OHS)



OHS is looking for a new governor to strengthen its governing body. OHS is responsible for sustaining the education of children across the county when they can't attend their usual school because of ill health.

The OHS is looking for someone with experience and skills in financial management and property. You can learn more about the school via its website www.ohs.oxon.sch.uk If you would like to know more about this role, please contact the chair of governors at OHS for more details. Please send a summary of your experience or a brief CV to jake.piper@brookes.ac.uk

For more information about being a school governor please [click here](#)

READ THE LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM CARERS OXFORDSHIRE

Carers Oxfordshire has published the latest edition of *Care Matters* which is full of information, advice and support for carers. It includes a pull out section highlighting some of the many free events and activities available to carers taking place during National Carers Week from 6 to 12 June. To view the newsletter [click here](#)

Carers Oxfordshire is also organising free 'legal advice and planning ahead courses' for people who care for someone aged up to 21. The courses will cover topics such as making wills and guardianship. For more details and to reserve a place call Michelle Evans on 01235 849470 or email michelleevans@carersoxfordshire.org.uk.

IMPROVING SUPPORT FOR CARERS

The Department of Health (DH) wants to learn more about the lives of those who give their time and energy to support friends or family members needing care. The DH wants to hear from carers, those who have someone care for them, business, social workers, NHS staff and other professionals that support carers.

DH is developing a new strategy to set out what carers need; one which reflects their lives and the health and financial concerns they have about themselves, their families and those they care for. The DH's call for evidence closes on 30 June 2016. To take part in the survey [click here](#)

FEEDBACK YOUR THOUGHTS ON PATIENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NHS England wants your thoughts on its patient and public participation policies to help shape services that you use. To take part in an online survey [click here](#)

PRACTICAL ADVICE AND SUPPORT ON CANCER

You can take part in a free workshop in Oxford on Wednesday 15 June on ways to help support patients who are living with or have had cancer. There will be sessions on physical activity and healthy living plans. You can also talk to health and wellbeing services on the day. You are encouraged to reserve a place before 1 June - to book [click here](#)

Locality News

LOCALITY PPG FORUM 'PUBLIC' MEETINGS IN OXFORDSHIRE



- There will be further public meetings taking place in the localities over the next few months. We'll provide you with more details of these meetings via this newsletter once they have been finalised.

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