



# Talking Health

Monday 13 March 2017



## News Update

### SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES



The NHS in Oxfordshire wants to hear what you think on possible changes to some local health services as part of the first phase of the 'The Big Health and Care Consultation'.

As part of the consultation we have already held 11 public events where people shared their views and asked questions about our proposals on maternity and planned and critical care at the Horton General Hospital in Banbury, as well as stroke services and hospital beds across Oxfordshire.

There will be further opportunities in the coming weeks to take part in discussions with doctors and NHS staff to make your views known on our proposals (see the story below for more details of these events). You can also share your views via a survey.

To read our proposals and to take part in the survey [click here](#) You can request a paper copy of both the consultation document and the survey by calling 01865 334638 or email [cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net](mailto:cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net)

You can also listen to recordings of five of the public events on OCCG's YouTube channel [listen here](#)

The consultation runs until 9 April 2017.

## FOUR EVENTS LEFT TO SHARE YOUR VIEWS WITH GPs AND NHS STAFF



There are four consultation events remaining as part of the 'The Big Health and Care Consultation' across the county, where you can talk to clinicians and NHS staff and share your views on our proposals to change some health services (see story above).

Places will be limited according to venue size, so please book to attend one of the events to be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 14 March, 3pm – 5pm in Thame
- Thursday 16 March, 7pm – 9pm in Banbury
- Tuesday 21 March, 6pm – 8pm in Brackley
- Thursday 23 March, 6.30pm – 8.30pm in Abingdon

Your venue will be confirmed when you reserve a place by calling 01865 334638 or email [cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net](mailto:cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net)

## NEW RAPID ACCESS UNIT AT TOWNLANDS HOSPITAL IS 'TOP CLASS'



The Rapid Assessment Care Unit (RACU), at the Townlands Memorial Hospital has been given the thumbs up.

Patients who are referred can be assessed, treated and given rehabilitation support, without having to be admitted to hospital.

Among the first patients at the RACU was Olive Cummins who was delighted with the friendly, helpful service she received. Olive said: ' The service is absolutely top class.'

To read more on Olive's experiences and about the unit [click here](#)

## Reminders

### READ THE DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN



Proposals are being developed to improve health and care in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West to help our communities be the healthiest they can be, while making sure that services are affordable for years to come.

The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) will set out the challenges and opportunities facing NHS and care services across the area. To view the draft plan [click here](#) and a summary [click here](#)

We have also produced a local digital road map for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West which sets out the technology priorities for the patch to support health and social care. To view the document [click here](#)

To watch a short film on STPs created by NHS England click [here](#)

## Partnership Information

### 'EXPERIENCES OF CARE WEEK' (20 - 24 MARCH) SHARE YOUR STORIES



NHS England wants you to join their week of activity celebrating the amazing things that are happening across to the country to improve patient, family, carers and staff experiences.

The week gives you a great reason to celebrate your work as well as sharing it nationally and internationally too. It'll also be a great way to pick up ideas, inspiration and contacts for future work on experience of care too. For more information and to take part [click here](#)

### BECOME A GOVERNOR AND HELP SHAPE HOSPITAL SERVICES



Nominations are open for people to become a governor at Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust . You'll have a say in the way hospital services are delivered and be part of the trust's Council of Governors while linking up with the Board of Directors.

For more information on how to apply and for details on two events to explain more about the role [click here](#) The closing for applications is Tuesday 4 April.

### USE YOUR PATIENT EXPERIENCE TO IMPROVE HEALTH RESEARCH



The National Institute for Health Research is currently looking for members of the public to join its various research panels. If you have the experience in patient and public involvement or committee work you might want to apply for a position. For more information and to submit an application [click here](#)

### PARENTS ENCOURAGED TO BE 'FOOD SMART' WITH THEIR CHILDREN



A health campaign reveals that children are consuming half the daily recommended sugar intake before school.

Public Health England is helping parents identify the health harms of children eating and drinking too much sugar, saturated fat and salt, including becoming overweight or obese and developing tooth decay.

For more information on the campaign [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](mailto:richard.mccrann@nhs.net)