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News Update

PHARMACIES HELP TO UNCOVER 'HIDDEN' CARERS



If you think you are an unpaid carer why not speak to pharmacy staff in Oxfordshire who have information about where you could get support and advice. They have been asked to look out for 'hidden' carers who are collecting prescriptions on behalf of family, friends or neighbours.

It's part of a month long initiative running throughout June to support national Carers Week (12-18 June), which this year continues its focus on building carer friendly communities: supporting carers to look after their loved ones well, while recognising carers are members of the community with needs of their own.

For more information on the campaign [click here](#)

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE PART IN PPG AWARENESS WEEK (19 - 24 JUNE)



Patient Participation Group (PPG) Awareness Week is being held nationally from 19 - 24 June 2017. 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.

Visit 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](#)

The PPG at the Bell Surgery in Henley on Thames has organised two talks as part of PPG Awareness Week on: Life Planning (Monday 19 June) and Rheumatology and Arthritis (Tuesday 20 June) which you are invited to attend at the surgery. For more details and to reserve a place [click here](#)

You can also take part in a PPG workshop on Wednesday 5 July in Oxford to help you develop your patient group - see the story below for more details.

Reminders

EXTRA BOARD MEETING 20 JUNE TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION REPORT



Because of the General Election and the additional period of purdah, it was decided to hold two additional Board meetings - to be held in public - to consider and make decisions on the outcome of the Big Health and Care Consultation (Phase One of the Oxfordshire Transformation Plan).

The first meeting on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at Jubilee House, Oxford (9.30am to 11.30am) will receive and consider the consultation reports. The second on 10 August 2017 at the Examinations School, High Street, Oxford, is when OCCG expects to be able to make decisions on the proposed changes.

For 20 June meeting, you must submit questions to the Board by 9.30am on 19 June. Members of the Board will do their best to answer these questions during the meeting. However, any questions that remain unanswered at the end of the meeting will be answered in writing and put on the OCCG website within 20 working days. To view the agenda for this meeting which includes the consultation report [click here](#)

For more information on the venues and timings of the additional meetings, and how to submit a question [click here](#)

Partnership Information

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE LOCAL AMBULANCE SERVICE



South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SCAS) 2017 Member satisfaction and Patient care survey is your opportunity to provide feedback and help shape the Trust's plans for the year ahead.

It is important that SCAS, as a NHS Foundation Trust, takes account of feedback and views from members in local communities who have used or use its emergency and non-emergency services.

You can take part in the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JXDM8LG>

A summary of the results will be included in the next members' newsletter and will also be published on the Trust's website. Deadline for submitting the survey is Sunday 2 July.

BE CLEAR ON CANCER - RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS CAMPAIGN



Public Health England is running the campaign to encourage more people aged over 50 to get an earlier diagnosis for possible lung or heart disease. The key messages are:

- If people get out of breath doing things they were able to do, it could be a sign of lung or heart disease, or even cancer – finding a condition early makes it more treatable: don't ignore it, tell your doctor
- If people have had a cough for three weeks or more, it could be a sign of lung disease, including cancer – finding a condition early makes it more treatable: don't ignore it, tell your doctor

You can speak to trained staff and nurses as part of the campaign's roadshow on Monday 17 July and Tuesday 18 July (8am to 8pm) at The Chilterns, High Wycombe Frogmoor, High Wycombe.

TAKE PART IN A SURVEY ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE REGULATIONS



The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has launched the second consultation on proposed changes to how it regulates health and social care services across the country.

The proposals include changes to the regulation of primary medical services such as GPs and dentists and adult social care services such as care homes and home-care. For more information and to take part in the consultation

[click here](#)

READ THE LATEST 'INVOLVEMENT MATTERS' NEWSLETTER



The newsletter includes opportunities for you to volunteer for patient and public bodies covering a raft of health projects including psychiatry, care services in Buckinghamshire, patient safety teams, genomics, and patient advisory forums. The newsletter also highlights how you can take part in research trials in Oxford and an online wellbeing survey for people aged over 50. To view the newsletter [click here](#)

Locality News

WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP YOUR PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP



This is an opportunity for patient participation group (PPG) members in Oxford, and those interested in becoming involved in their practice's PPG, to meet, share and learn from other groups in the city.

The event is being held on Wednesday 5 July at the Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford OX1 2AQ (2pm to 5pm) and will showcase displays from a variety of organisations and include examples of successful projects from other PPGs.

This is an ideal opportunity for patients in the City to be involved in two workshops. One will focus on the benefits of encouraging more patients to access services and health records electronically as an example of improved access to their GP practice. The other is seeking involvement in the development of plans for future services across all practices within primary care in Oxford.

To reserve your place reply to email: scwcsu.oxonengagement@nhs.net or tel 01865 334644. For more information and to view an agenda [click here](#)

'HAVE YOUR SAY' EVENT IN BURFORD - 5 MAY



This drop-in event gave visitors to Burford's Warwick Hall the opportunity to discuss local NHS services with health groups and volunteers. The event was run by the Public and Patient Partnership for West Oxfordshire alongside Burford Surgery Patient Participation Group, HealthWatch Oxfordshire and Carers Oxfordshire.

Discussions covered a wide range of topics including good experiences of clinical care, long waits for routine appointments and difficulties accessing Oxford's hospitals. For a review of the meeting contact Fergus Campbell in OCCG email: fergus.campbell@oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk

LOCALITY PPG FORUM 'PUBLIC' MEETINGS IN OXFORDSHIRE



The North Oxfordshire Public & Patient Forum will hold a public meeting to discuss developments in GP services. This is planned for Banbury on 6 July at 7pm. Details to follow shortly.

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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