



Friday 2 June 2017



News Update

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 to 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](#)

Reminders

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEETINGS TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION REPORTS



Because of the General Election and the additional period of purdah, it has been 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 9am 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.

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

Partnership Information

JOIN THE 'GENERATION GAMES' TO KEEP FIT AND WELL



You might want join the Age UK 'Generation Games' exercise classes aimed at older people in Oxfordshire. There are loads of activities to choose from including tai chi, badminton, exercise to music and supported gym sessions. Activities take place in venues across the county. For more information on how to join and for an activity brochure [click here](#)

LIFTING THE LID ON RESEARCH IN OXFORDSHIRE - 13 JUNE



You are invited to find out about research taking place in your local NHS at a free drop-in information event on Tuesday 13 June at the West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford (noon to 4.30pm) .

NHS nurses and other staff will be on hand to discuss research trials covering dementia, heart disease, diabetes, stroke, mental health, respiratory disorders, eyes and dermatology.

You can also find out how to get involved in NHS research trials. No booking is required for the event; for more information email: comms.crnthamesvalley@nihr.ac.uk or call 01865 227252.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON HOSPITAL SERVICES AT A PATIENT FORUM



You are invited to Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust patient forum on Tuesday 20 June (3pm to 5pm) where you can share your views on how to improve health services.

The event is being held in the Academic Block at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, OX3 9DU. Other bodies taking part include Healthwatch Oxfordshire, members of the trust's patient partnership groups, voluntary and community groups, trust members and GP locality forums.

You need to confirm your attendance by 9 June to: patientinvolvement@ouh.nhs.uk

PATIENT SAFETY REPS WANTED FOR NHS IMPROVEMENT



NHS Improvement is seeking patient and public representatives to support the work of its Patient Safety Team. This body is dedicated to ensuring continuous learning and improvement within the health service.

For further information on the role and an application form which must be returned by Friday 7 July email: n.ahamat@nhs.net

Locality News

LOCALITY PPG FORUM 'PUBLIC' MEETINGS IN OXFORDSHIRE



The North Locality Patient Forum will be holding a public event on Thursday 6 July (7pm-9pm) in Banbury - more details will be made available nearer the event.

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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