



News Update

JOIN OCCG AT THE NEXT BOARD AND ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS



Both events will be held on Thursday 28 September at Jubilee House, Cowley, Oxford OX4 2LH. The Board will meet from 2pm to 5pm and the Annual Public Meeting (APM) takes place from 6pm to 7.30pm.

If you would like to submit a question to the Board you must send it no later than 48 hours before the meeting to: oxon.gpc@nhs.net. The APM will include a question and answer session, so it won't be necessary to send questions in advance for this meeting but if you do so, please make it clear that it is for the APM. Copies of the 2016/17 OCCG Annual Report will be available at the meeting. For more information and to confirm your attendance [click here](#)

The agenda for the Board meeting can now be viewed on the [OCCG website](#). Parking at Jubilee House can be limited during working hours, but other parking and transport options are available to view [click here](#)

AN UPDATE ON PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES IN OXFORDSHIRE



A new look NHS physiotherapy service is to be launched locally to improve care for people with muscle, joint and bone conditions.

From the beginning of October 2017, the new musculoskeletal (MSK) service will be provided across the county by Healthshare Ltd. It is a private organisation which only works within the NHS and is solely funded through NHS contracts; it does not carry out any private work and services are free to patients in the same way as other NHS services.

For more information on the new MSK service [click here](#)

Reminders

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AVAILABLE ON THE NHS



The NHS wants your thoughts on recommendations that would no longer routinely prescribe some medicines which are either clinically ineffective, unsafe, or not cost effective, or where the NHS can offer a clinically-proven alternative for patients.

To take part in the survey and to see how the proposals affect prescribing certain medicines in Oxfordshire [click here](#) The consultation closes on 21 October 2017.

DOWNLOAD THE PHONE APP AND FIND HEALTH SERVICES QUICKLY



OCCG's phone app can help you find local health services without delay.

'Health and Care Oxfordshire' provides advice on when it might be best to visit a pharmacist or a GP, when to call NHS 111, or if self-care at home might be more appropriate.

It highlights the type of injuries or illnesses seen at minor injuries units and first aid units in Oxfordshire. You can also locate your nearest health service via an interactive map.

To download the app for iPhones [click here](#) and for Androids [click here](#)

Partnership Information

LOCAL CHARITY LAUNCHES DIGNITY IN CARE AWARDS 2017



Age UK Oxfordshire is organising the awards to recognise truly outstanding care. You can nominate local organisations, care settings, paid staff and volunteers who have gone that extra mile to deliver real dignity in care.

For more information on how to submit a nomination [click here](#). The deadline for submissions is Monday 2 October. Pictured are winners at last year's Age UK Oxfordshire's Dignity in Care awards ceremony.

JOIN HEALTHWATCH OXFORDSHIRE AT ITS NEXT BOARD MEETING



Healthwatch Oxfordshire will be holding a Board meeting in public on Tuesday 10 October (7pm to 9pm) at the Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, Rose Hill, Oxford OX4 4HF. Board papers will appear online a week before the meeting - to view them [click here](#)

PUBLIC MEETINGS BEING HELD TO REVIEW ADVOCACY SERVICES



Oxfordshire County Council is inviting people to give their views on advocacy services which help vulnerable people get their voices heard.

Three public meetings are being held in October as part of a review of its advocacy services. These support children and adults to have their say on local services such as health and social care.

To find out more on the meetings and where they are being held, or to take part in a survey on the advocacy services [click here](#)

CONSULTATION ON GENDER IDENTITY SERVICES FOR ADULTS



NHS England is consulting nationally on specialised gender identity services for adults (aged 17 years and above)

Share your views on two proposed service specifications: one for how gender identity clinics will deliver specialised outpatient services; and another for how surgical units will deliver surgical interventions.

To take part in the consultation which is open until Monday 16 October 2017
[click here](#)

Locality News

PATIENT FORUM MEETINGS BEING HELD IN PUBLIC IN OXFORDSHIRE



The North Oxfordshire Patient and Public Forum will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at Chipping Norton Town Hall (7.30pm to 9pm). The meeting will discuss new ways to deliver primary care in north Oxfordshire. Further details of the meeting will be made available in future editions of this newsletter.

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