



## News Update

### THE FLU JAB WILL HELP PROTECT YOU THIS WINTER



The annual flu vaccination campaign is underway and patients at risk from the condition are encouraged to have a free vaccination. These include:

- people aged 65 and over
- pregnant women
- people under 65 years in clinical 'at risk' groups
- children aged 2 to 3 years
- children in schools from reception to year 5
- carers and people in long stay residential homes.

GP surgeries are contacting patients to invite them to flu vaccination clinics over the next month to help protect them this winter. For more information about the flu jab [click here](#)

### UPDATE ON COGGES SURGERY IN WITNEY



OCCG is providing Information and regular updates on next steps for the practice, including opportunities to have your say around the possible options for the future of primary care services in Witney, To find out more [click here](#)

## Reminders

### JOIN OCCG AT ITS NEXT BOARD AND ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING



Both events will be held on Thursday 27 September at Jubilee House (pictured), 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.

For more information on how to submit a question for either meeting and parking arrangements at Jubilee House [click here](#)

## Partnership Information

### IMPROVING THE NHS WEBSITE



NHS England and NHS Digital have been [improving nhs.uk](#), the UK's largest health website as part of their ambition to empower people to manage their healthcare. Changes include more accessible content, better mobile device experience, new content for helping people to manage long-term conditions, and improved page design.

As part of these improvements, users will no longer see the NHS Choices logo on the site. The URL remains the same, [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk). Organisations are asked to replace existing references to 'NHS Choices' to 'the NHS website' when reasonably possible and cost-effective.

[Guidance](#) to help NHS organisations reference the NHS website correctly has been created. It includes downloadable graphics to replace the NHS Choices logo.

### WEBINAR LIFTS THE LID ON GP ONLINE SERVICES



NHS England is holding a series of webinars aimed at members of Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) on GP online services. They include information on how PPGs can support surgeries in getting more patients to register for these services via tablets, smartphones and apps.

Each webinar is free to join and will last between 60 and 90 minutes. For more information on webinar dates and how to take part [click here](#)

## TEAM OF RUNNERS ON HAND TO HELP YOU



You are welcome to take part in a meeting to develop the [Good Gym initiative](#) a charity that relies on runners who help people at home and in the community. They will stop off whilst out running to do manual labour chores for local groups or visit isolated older people and help them with tasks.

Oxford City Council is hosting the meeting which is being held at the Ploughman Room in Oxford Town Hall OX1 1BX on Tuesday 2 October (11am to 12.30pm).

If you wish to come along email: [hia@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:hia@oxford.gov.uk) and include 'Goodgym' as the subject or call Becky Bell on 01865 252788.

## JOIN IN THE FUN AT UK OLDER PEOPLE'S DAY IN OXFORD



The event will be held on Monday 1 October at Oxford Town Hall, OX1 1BX (10am to 3pm). There will be over 50 different organisations taking part covering a huge range of areas from community diabetes teams and Parkinson's groups to family support networks and Citizens Advice Oxford.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet and talk with organisations which help and assist older people locally. For more information [click here](#)

## Other Consultations

### VIEW ALL OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS



You can view and take part in all of the council's current consultations. These include surveys on [NHS health checks](#) and [special education needs \(SEN\)](#) and the new [education, health and care plans](#).

You can see more information about a specific consultation by visiting the relevant webpage [click here](#)

## TELL US HOW WE CAN BETTER JOIN UP HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



NHS England wants your views on how to bring health and care services closer together.

This is part of a proposal on the contracting arrangements for integrated care providers and how they would work together.

There is widespread support in the NHS for ending the fragmented approach to care and make it more co-ordinated and effective. To take part in the consultation which closes on 26 October 2018 [click here](#)

## Locality News

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: UPCOMING PATIENT GROUP MEETINGS



- You are invited to a public talk on the over-use of antibiotics being held on Saturday 22 September at the Corn Exchange in Witney (10.30am). Professor Carl Heneghan of the University of Oxford will be looking at the reasons antibiotics don't always work and what the future holds for them. For more information [click here](#)
- The North Oxfordshire Locality Patient and Public Involvement Forum (NOLF) is planning its annual event on health and social care issues for the Chipping Norton area. This is being held at Chipping Norton Town Hall on Tuesday 25 September (7pm to 9pm). For more details [click here](#)
- You can attend a Health and Wellbeing Fair in Witney on 13 October 2018 (10am to 1.30pm) which is being held in the town's Corn Exchange. It is being run by Patient & Public Participation Group in West Oxfordshire. For more information [click here](#)

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