



News Update

JOIN OCCG AT THE 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.

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 both the 2017/18 OCCG's Annual Report and the inaugural Annual Report of Patient and Public Involvement will be available at the APM but can be [viewed here](#)

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

PHARMACY OPENING TIMES OVER THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY



You might need the help of a pharmacist over the holiday weekend for advice on how best to treat ailments like an upset stomach, a cough or a headache. For information on opening hours of local pharmacies in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire this weekend please [click here](#)

To help you choose the best service if you feel unwell you can also download the OCCG's Signposting leaflet [click here](#) or download its smart phone app which lists local services and where to find them [click here](#)

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES



OCCG is looking for up to 15 people to help improve local physiotherapy and musculoskeletal services in Oxfordshire which are delivered by Healthshare. We're looking for patients with experience of using the service over the past year, which might include:

- MRI/Ultrasound treatment
- patients who have been referred on for surgery
- children and parents of children who have used the service
- physiotherapy treatment
- podiatry/footcare or orthotic support

A workshop will be run by Healthshare on Friday 28 September to look at refining communications materials used by the service to help patients understand their care and treatment better. The workshop will focus on patient journeys to see how communications fit into the different stages of their treatment.

If you would like to be involved email: cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net and provide a brief outline of your interest, the date of your appointment and details of your treatment. It is important that this took place in the last 12 months. If you have any queries please contact Julia Stackhouse on 01865 334638.

CREATING A BETTER FUTURE FOR GP SERVICES IN OXFORDSHIRE



You can view all of OCCG's locality plans which aim to build resilient and sustainable primary care for the future in Oxfordshire. The plans will support the vision for health services in Oxfordshire where patients receive more care closer to home and be supported out of hospital as much as possible. To read all the plans [click here](#)

Reminders

WATCH A FILM ON THE RAPID ACCESS UNIT AT TOWNLANDS HOSPITAL



OCCG has worked together with patients, Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust to develop a film to show the work of the Rapid Access Care Unit (RACU) at Townlands Memorial Hospital in Henley on Thames. The film explains how the RACU works and gives staff and patient perspectives of the service. To view the film [click here](#)

Partnership Information

GET INVOLVED IN EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN HEALTHCARE



The Equality Reference Group works with patients, the voluntary sector and stakeholders, such as Healthwatch Oxfordshire, to address any equality and diversity issues for patients and services. It is made up of volunteers and supported by OCCG's equality and diversity team.

The group reviews progress against OCCG's equality and diversity action plan which includes scoring on the equality and delivery system (EDS2) goals. It also holds OCCG to account for delivery against the actions within the plan. The group also provides useful patient feedback on equality and diversity issues in the provision of healthcare across Oxfordshire.

The group meets four times a year and out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. If you would like to be involved in the work of the group, email: cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net

TACKLING DOMESTIC ABUSE IN OXFORDSHIRE



The new Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service was launched in June and has been developed in partnership with victims, their families and professionals working. The new service has been co-commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council alongside all the local district councils and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley. For more information [click here](#)

LIFTING THE LID ON CARERS' RIGHTS - MEETING IN KIDLINGTON



Carers can get the latest updates on their legal and policy rights at an all-day event on 11 September at Stratfield Brake Sports Ground in Kidlington OX5 1UP (10.30am to 3pm).

The event has been organised by Action for Carers Oxfordshire and will be led by Luke Clements, a specialist in this field. Luke will outline care plans and support options such as short breaks and how to challenge inadequate or reduced care packages. For more information on the event [click here](#)

To confirm your attendance email: traceydesmond@carersoxfordshire.org.uk or call 01235 520463.

HEALTHFEST SHINES A LIGHT ON LOCAL SERVICES



You are invited to Oxford Health Foundation Trust's first 'HealthFest' at Warneford Hospital in Oxford on Saturday 8 September (1pm - 5pm). The event is a chance to engage, explore and learn about the trust, its partners and local community groups.

HealthFest will include a range of activities, talks, art and music displays. You can meet with staff from the trust to talk about ways to support your mental and physical health and wellbeing. Family, friends and colleagues are welcome to join in the day. For more information [click here](#)

FREE STOP SMOKING SERVICE IN OXFORDSHIRE



A new stop smoking service in Oxfordshire will help you quit the habit. The service is reaching out to more people who want to stop smoking including those with mental ill health or a long term health condition, such as diabetes, and pregnant women. It is also working in schools to discourage young people from starting to smoke. For more information on the service [click here](#)

HELP SHAPE DIGITAL HEALTH SERVICES NATIONALLY



NHS England is looking for people to support these services through its various patient and public advisory groups. Membership of the groups is for 12 months initially and the closing date for applications is Monday 3 September 2018.

If you want to be involved complete the [application form](#) and if you require this in other formats, such as a print version copy, please contact england.digitalhealth@nhs.net

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](#)

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY



OCCG and Oxfordshire County Council want your views on a new Older People's Strategy 2019/2023. It describes how all health and care organisations across Oxfordshire will work together to help you stay as fit and healthy as possible for as long as possible.

And if you need more help, how OCCG and the county council will ensure that everyone works together to support your needs. To take part in the survey which closes on Monday 3 September 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). More details to follow.

Please contact Richard McCrann at South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit's Communications Team if you wish to unsubscribe from this e-bulletin or have any questions about its content.
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