



Talking Health

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News Update

ANNUAL REPORT FOCUSES ON OCCG ACHIEVEMENTS



Find out how OCCG improved local health services over the past year, and its key achievements during this time in the 2017/18 Annual Report and Accounts.

You can also read OCCG's inaugural Annual Report of Patient and Public Involvement. This describes how we engage with you, and the difference this has made to local services. To view both reports [click here](#)

WATCH A FILM ABOUT THE RAPID ACCESS CARE UNIT



OCCG has worked together with the 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. The film explains how the RACU works and gives staff and patient perspectives of the service. To view the film [click here](#)

Reminders

HAVE YOU HAD AN NHS HEALTH CHECK?



These are designed to spot if you could be at risk of stroke, kidney and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. They are available to anyone aged between 40 and 74 who has not already been diagnosed with an existing heart condition.

Health checks are free and you will be invited to have one every five years. Your GP surgery will automatically send out invitations, but if you are over 40 and haven't had one, contact your surgery to make an appointment. To find out more [click here](#)

You can also take part in a short survey on NHS health checks to help Oxfordshire County Council understand better how many people have had one (see the story below on consultations).

Partnership Information

HEALTH WATCHDOG OUTLINES PRIORITIES IN ANNUAL REPORT



Healthwatch Oxfordshire has made listening to young people one of its areas of focus in the coming year. The organisation's Chair, Prof George Smith, made the pledge in his foreword to its Annual Report 2017/18.

The report outlines some of the high points of the year, which include the launch of a new website and feedback centre, and includes reports on people's health and care experiences in Witney and Bicester. To read the report [click here](#)

BLOOD IN PEE CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY



Public Health England has launched a new 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign to highlight blood in pee as a key symptom of bladder and kidney cancers. The campaign encourages everyone to 'look before they flush' and visit their GP without delay if they notice blood in their pee, even if it's just once. For more information on the campaign [click here](#)

GET THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC)



Did you know that the CQC sends out a monthly bulletin to all of its regional stakeholders? Some of the things the bulletin highlights include:

- resources for patient participation groups (PPG) to enable them to have conversations with their GP practices
- information on how to get signed up to receive alerts about new reports for services you're interested in
- details of consultations where your views can help shape how we monitor services.

If you are a member of a PPG and wish to join the bulletin's mailing list [click here](#)

TAKE PART IN A MEETING ON SEPSIS



You are welcome to join the inaugural meeting of the Oxfordshire sepsis survivor support group on 10 September 2018 (6.30pm to 9pm). The event is being held at The Lounge, Meadow Brook, 59 Stowford Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9PP.

The support group is for survivors, their families, clinicians, practitioners, health professionals, and anyone with an interest in supporting people through their sepsis journey. For more information on sepsis [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](#)

CONSULTATION ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



NHS England wants your feedback on a blueprint for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. This plan has been developed by talking to clinicians, health professionals, the public and patient engagement groups.

To take part in the consultation, which closes on Tuesday 14 August 2018 [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



- A public talk on the over-use of antibiotics is 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. More details to follow.

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