



News Update

HAVE YOU GOT A WINTER PLAN?



The NHS, local councils and volunteer organisations are encouraging people to have a personal winter plan so they are well prepared when the weather takes a turn for the worse and the season for flu, coughs and colds really kicks in. For more information on what your winter plan could include [click here](#)

Free flu vaccine

Don't forget to have your free flu vaccination when invited if you are 'at risk' from the illness. These 'at risk' patients include people aged 65 and over, pregnant women and people living with a long term condition. The nasal spray flu vaccine is available for children aged 2 and 3. For more information [click here](#)

SOS SERVICE RETURNS TO OXFORD CITY CENTRE



The service which will be operating from a large ambulance aims to help NHS and emergency services across the city cope with the peak winter and Christmas demand from patients.

The ambulance will run every Friday and Saturday night (10.45pm to 5am) from Friday 9 November to Sunday 6 January 2018 (5am) in Cornmarket. The service is being funded by OCCG and aims to reduce demand on local A&E. For more information [click here](#)

Reminders

JOIN OCCG AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IN DIDCOT



The Board will meet on Thursday 29 November (9am to 12.45pm) at Ladygrove Room, Didcot Civic Hall, OX11 7JN. You can submit a question before or attend the meeting in person and listen to the discussions. The agenda and papers are available from a week before the meeting. For more information and to find out how to submit a question to the Board [click here](#)

Partnership Information

NEW VOICE FOR PATIENTS IN OXFORDSHIRE



The new Parent Carer forum for Oxfordshire was launched in November. It was set up by a group of parents with children who have special education needs (SEN) to work with Oxfordshire County Council and the local NHS to help improve services for children with SEN.

The forum believes that all disabled children and young people should have access to the same opportunities, experiences and information as any other child. For more information [click here](#)

LIFTING THE LID ON THE RAPID ACCESS CARE UNIT (RACU)



The Bell Surgery in Henley-on-Thames is holding a talk about the RACU which is based at the Townlands Hospital in the town. You are invited to the event being held on Tuesday 4 December (6pm to 8pm) in the Maurice Tate Room at the hospital.

The talk will describe how the RACU's multidisciplinary team works and the care and treatment it provides to patients. To reserve your place contact the Bell Surgery on 01491 843250 or email: thebellsurgery@nhs.net

WORLD DIABETES DAY - WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER



The day is an opportunity for people to come together to raise awareness of the disease. You can help mark the day by putting up posters and giving out information on diabetes to the people who need it. To find out how you can support the occasion [click here](#)

MEET YOUR COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS IN WITNEY



The next meeting of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Council of Governors will take place in public on Tuesday 20 November (2pm to 4.30pm) at the Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney OX28 6AB - you are welcome to attend.

If you would like to speak to a governor, they will be available before the meeting from 1.30pm to 1.50pm. To register to attend please email ouhmembers@ouh.nhs.uk or call 01865 231472.

Other Consultations

VIEW ALL OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL You can view and take part in all of the council's current consultations. These include surveys on [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](#)

WE WANT YOUR EXPERIENCES OF SOME LOCAL SERVICES



NHS England wants to speak to patients who have been referred to: Ear, Nose and Throat services (ENT) and gynaecology services since July 2018.

This is to understand whether you discussed waiting times with your GP at the point of referral, or if you were able to identify the waiting times for your referral through the online choose and book system.

The purpose of this feedback will help us guide GPs and patients when choosing a provider, particularly if there are long waiting times and

challenges with local services.

If you have been referred for either of these services since July 2018, the national elective care transformation team at NHS England would like to discuss your experience.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Elizabeth Hopkins at NHS England, before Friday 14 November on: email: ElizabethHopkins5@nhs.net or contact; 07948 980886.

Locality News

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: UPCOMING PATIENT GROUP MEETINGS



- **How PPGs can support health and social care**

A meeting is being held in November to look at health and social care services in Oxford city, and how local patient participation groups can support these services. Join us on Tuesday 20 November (11.30am to 3pm) at the West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, OX2 0BT. For more information and to confirm your attendance email: hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk or contact 01865 520520.

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