



# Patient and Public Involvement Newsletter

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Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group

Welcome to Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group's (SCCG) Patient and Public Involvement e-Newsletter. The newsletter is issued bi-monthly. We hope you find it useful and informative and any feedback you have is welcomed.

SCCG is the name of the NHS organisation in Swindon that buys (commissions) local healthcare services. SCCG has been formed from GP's within Swindon and Shrivenham to create a clinician led commissioning group.

## Your health

### Brighter Futures' fundraising appeal



A new £2.9 million fundraising appeal to bring radiotherapy treatment to GWH in Swindon was launched on 28 May, supporting plans to bring cancer treatment closer to home for the 340,000 people living in the Swindon and Wiltshire area. 284 balloons were released into the sky to mark the number of patients who are diagnosed with cancer each month at GWH.

The appeal by Brighter Futures, Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's charity, will fund the equipment which will deliver the treatment provided by Oxford University Hospitals Trust (OUH) in a new radiotherapy centre.

### **CANCER patients needing to travel to Oxford to receive radiotherapy treatment will have improved transport paid for, it has been announced.**

The CCG also announced it is commissioning single occupancy travel for all radiotherapy patients who need to travel to Oxford University Hospitals with immediate effect.

The change will mean that between now and when a hoped-for new radiotherapy unit opens in Swindon, patients will have the added option of travelling door to door accompanied by relatives or friends using dedicated transport, minimising any travel time or inconvenience.

Dr Peter Crouch, Clinical Chairman of Swindon CCG, said: “By providing access to individualised transport, individuals will have the option to travel to Oxford and back in much greater comfort meaning that any patient who is currently receiving radiotherapy treatment will experience reduced travel and waiting time.

“Improved provision of radiotherapy treatment is a key aim for all local health partners in Swindon, and Swindon CCG is actively supporting the Brighter Futures Radiotherapy Appeal which seeks to raise funds for the provision of Radiotherapy services in Swindon.”

Further information about the Radiotherapy Appeal is available on the new Brighter Futures website [www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk](http://www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk).

**Make sure you choose the right NHS service**  
Here are the services available to you, your family and your friends, in Swindon.

<b>Self-care</b> Look after yourself. Most health problems can be treated at home. This website offers 24-hour advice on a range of illnesses and conditions or to book your nearest GP surgery.	<b>NHS 111</b> Call 111 if: • You need medical help but don't need a GP appointment. • You think you may need to go to A&E, or need advice on a serious health problem. • You don't know who to call (or you don't know GPs) etc. • You need health information or reassurance about what to do next. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call on your own, together and together - dial 111.
<b>Pharmacist (Chemist)</b> To get expert advice on a range of medicines and other appliances as well as the best medication to buy from.	<b>Swindon Walk-in Centre</b> Call 111 if: • You have a minor health problem. • You have a health problem and you're not sure what to do. • You have a health problem and you're not sure what to do. • You have a health problem and you're not sure what to do. This service is based at Swindon Health Centre, Carter Street, SN1 1ED.
<b>Urgent Care Centres on the 11111 site</b> If you need to be seen by a nurse or doctor, the Urgent Care Centres can help you any time of day. You can book in without making an appointment. Cover includes: Hospital care, minor injuries, health checks, Urgent Care Centres, Swindon, SN1 1ED. Call 01753 646 466.	<b>Out of Hours GP Service</b> This service is available from 8.00pm to 8am, 7 days a week. It provides a range of services and treatment from GPs outside of normal hours. Call 01753 646 466.
<b>A&amp;E / 999</b> This is only for serious illness and life-threatening conditions.	

### Choosing the right health service

Make sure you choose the NHS service that will provide you with the correct care with as little waiting time as possible. Unnecessary attendance to A&E will mean you have to wait longer to be seen and could be sent elsewhere for treatment, when you could have gone directly to the treatment you need and avoided the wait. To find out where to receive the right health advice and care, [visit the CCG's website.](http://www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk)

### Couch to 5K

Couch to 5K is a free nine-week running plan for people who want to be more active. It's perfect if you're new to running - the plan is all about starting slowly and building up gradually. Anyone can start Couch to 5K - you don't need to be fit!

If you would prefer running solo or want to club together with your own friends or family, you can still follow a free [Couch to 5k plan](http://www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk)

### Health and Wellbeing Impact Report

The Health & Wellbeing Team at Swindon Borough Council have released their 2014/15 Impact Report. The report explains who they are and what it is they do to help the people of Swindon. There is also a summary of everything they have achieved throughout the year this includes helping a total of 206 people through the 6 session programme with a total weight loss of 299kg. To read the full report please [click here](http://www.brighterfuturesgwh.nhs.uk)

## Dying Matters Awareness Week, and the launch of the Advance Care Planning document



The week beginning Monday 18 May was Dying Matters Awareness Week and local health partners including Swindon CCG, Prospect Hospice, GWH and SEQOL worked together to organise a week of events to encourage the population to think about their end of life care needs.

Swindon CCG launched an Advance Care Planning document which supports people in considering and documenting their priorities and preferences for their future care – copies of this document can be accessed on the Prospect Hospice's website, and will be distributed through health and public venues across Swindon including libraries and GP surgeries.

Throughout the week, the organisations hosted roadshow events at a number of venues across Swindon including local libraries, Brunel Plaza and GWH Atrium where the public was asked about their main priorities for end of life care. The week included a seminar run by the end of life care leads across Swindon at the Swindon Advice and Support Centre offering members of the public opportunity to hear about the latest developments and voice their opinions in the survey.

Almost 200 responses to the survey were received which are currently being reviewed and will be used to help inform the development of a Swindon "Dying Well Charter".

For further information, please visit [www.prospect-hospice.net/dyingmatters](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/dyingmatters)

## Co-Commissioning

Over a third of CCGs in the UK (Swindon CCG included) are now involved in a co-commissioning scheme to provide seamless, integrated care to patients throughout Swindon and the surrounding areas. This [article](#) from NHS England will provide more detail. The first meeting of the CCG's Joint Primary Care Committee is taking place on Wednesday 1 July from 10:30 to 12:00 in the Pierre Simonet Building. This meeting is being held in public but is not a public meeting. If you would like to attend please email [communications@swindonccg.co.uk](mailto:communications@swindonccg.co.uk)

Papers for the meeting are available on the CCG's website to [read](#).

## Replacement of SMS/Text Messaging for Swindon GP Practices

The National NHS Mail Text Messaging service that is currently available to GP practices will cease in September 2015. This is a national decision and the CCG was concerned that practices using text messaging could suddenly find that their texting systems might stop unexpectedly. Although CCGs are not strictly obliged to fund the service, in order to ensure that local Swindon practices are still able to access a text messaging service which we know is popular with patients, Swindon CCG have decided to centrally fund a replacement service which will work with all three Swindon Clinical System Suppliers.

## Latest news from the CCG

### Governing Body Meeting

SCCG's Governing Body meeting is taking place on Thursday 23 July 2015. The papers for the meeting can be [viewed a week prior to the meeting](#).

### Talking Points

[Talking Points](#) is intended to give a summary of the key areas of discussion and decisions at the meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of SCCG. The minutes of the meeting will provide the official record of the meeting. The agenda and all papers related to the agenda are available on the [Swindon CCG website](#).

### Patient and Public Involvement Forum

In April 2015, the PPI Forum reviewed the following:

Minutes from the meeting can be [viewed on the CCG's website](#).

### Appointment of an accountable officer for the CCG

The recruitment of an accountable officer for the CCG is taking place and news will be shared once it is available.

## For your interest

### E-Bulletin from the National Association for Patient Participation

The latest issue is [number 96](#), May 2015.

### Oxford Academic Health Science Network (OAHSN) Newsletter

The latest OAHSN newsletter is now available [to view](#).

### Healthwatch Swindon newsletter

The latest newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

### Voluntary Action Swindon newsletter

The weekly newsletter can be viewed [here](#).

The **NICE Public Involvement Update** - please contact the CCG's Communications and Engagement team for a copy [communications@swindonccg.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@swindonccg.nhs.uk)

### Transforming services for people with learning disability

NHS England has established five [fast-track sites](#) that will test new approaches to re-shaping services for people with learning disabilities and / or autism, to ensure more services are provided in the community and closer to home. The five sites will bring together organisations across health and care that will benefit from extra technical support from NHS England. The sites will be able to access a £10 million transformation fund to kick-start implementation from Autumn 2015.

### Watch videos of NHS England's Board meeting

NHS England's Board meeting took place on Thursday 28 May 2015 in London. [Videos of each agenda item](#) are now available on the NHS England website.

The **Get Swindon Active Strategy** 2015-2020 can be read [here](#).

### Dates for your diary

**July  
2015**

**SCCG's 2014/15 Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday 29 July, 10:00-12:00 at the [Pilgrim Centre](#)

**SCCG Governing Body meeting:** Thursday 23 July, 9.30 -11.30 at the Pierre Simonet Building <http://www.swindonccg.nhs.uk/contact-us>

The Governing Body meeting is held in public, although it is not a public meeting. If you would like to attend please email [communications@swindonccg.co.uk](mailto:communications@swindonccg.co.uk)

**SCCG Patient and Public Involvement Forum meeting:** Thursday 23 July, 12:30 - 14:00 at the Pierre Simonet Building <http://www.swindonccg.nhs.uk/contact-us>

**Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Governors meeting:** Friday 17 July at 4.30 in Lecture Hall 1, The Academy at the Great Western Hospital. <http://www.gwh.nhs.uk/members/who-are-the-governors/>

**Dementia Café – Wednesday mornings – new venue**  
[Find out more about the event.](#)

**Children's Health, Social Care and Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee:** Wednesday 22 July 2015 at 6 pm, Committee Room 6, Civic Offices  
[Find out more about the meeting](#)

**August  
2015**

No Governing Body or Patient & Public Involvement meeting is held in August.

**Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Governors meeting:** Thursday 6 August 2015 at 9.30 am in Lecture Hall 1, The Academy at the Great Western Hospital. <http://www.gwh.nhs.uk/members/who-are-the-governors/>

<p><b>Sept. 2015</b></p>	<p><b>SCCG Governing Body meeting:</b> Thursday 24 September, 9.30 -11.30 at the Pierre Simonet Building  <a href="http://www.swindonccg.nhs.uk/contact-us">http://www.swindonccg.nhs.uk/contact-us</a></p> <p>The Governing Body meeting is held in public, although it is not a public meeting. If you would like to attend please email <a href="mailto:communications@swindonccg.co.uk">communications@swindonccg.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>SCCG Patient and Public Involvement Forum meeting:</b> Thursday 24 September, 12:30 -14:00 at the Pierre Simonet Building  <a href="http://www.swindonccg.nhs.uk/contact-us">http://www.swindonccg.nhs.uk/contact-us</a></p> <p><b>Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Governors meeting:</b> Thursday 3 September 2015 at 9.30 am in Lecture Hall 1, The Academy at the Great Western Hospital. <a href="#">Find out more about the meeting.</a></p> <p><b>Children’s Health, Social Care and Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</b> Wednesday 2 September 2015 at 6 pm, Committee Room 6, Civic Offices. <a href="#">Find out more about the meeting.</a></p> <p><b>Voluntary Action Swindon: Annual General Meeting 2015:</b> 10 September 2015, time and venue to be confirmed</p> <p><b>Adults Health, Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</b> Thursday 10 September 2015, 6 pm, Committee Room 6, Civic Offices. <a href="#">Find out more about the meeting.</a></p> <p><b>Senior Wellbeing Day:</b> 22 September 2015, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, Swindon Central Fire Station, Drove Road, Swindon SN1 3AD</p> <p>Further details about this year's event, organised by Wiltshire Fire &amp; Rescue Service, will be announced in due course.</p>
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If you would like hard copies of any of the documents referred to in this e-Newsletter please contact the CCG’s Communications and Engagement Team

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