



Patient and Public Involvement Newsletter

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Purdah Restrictions Following Announcement of General Election

'Purdah' is a term which refers to the pre-election period when specific restrictions apply around the activity of public bodies. Its purpose is to prevent announcements and activities by public bodies which could influence or be seen to influence the election.

For this reason, you will see less social media and press coverage from the CCG during this Purdah period.

AWP – Places of Safety Consultant Extended

Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust are extending the consultation on the proposed changes affecting Places of Safety in Wiltshire and Swindon until **Friday 16 June 2017**. This is to accommodate the purdah period resulting from the general election which restricts the types of activities permitted to undertake during this time.

The public meetings scheduled in Devizes and Salisbury in May have been cancelled and will be rescheduled and we will post the new dates on our website once they have been confirmed.

The consultation paper is available on the Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP) [website](#).

Sustainability and Transformation Partnership - Update

Overview

During 2016 the country was divided into 44 geographies ('footprints') each of which is expected to come up their own plan for implementing the Five Year Forward View locally. These plans are known as Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs).

These local plans set out how the NHS and local councils (which also have responsibilities for looking after the elderly and some others who have specific physical and mental health needs) will work together to do more to prevent ill health; to improve health and care services so demand is better managed in the future and to make sure best use is made of available money and staff.

In the South Central there are four STP footprints and each one has put together a plan of what they want to achieve in their local area. If we did nothing, there would be a combined funding gap of £1.2 billion.

Bath, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) footprint

BSW STP brings together three acute hospitals, three CCGs, three councils and other provider organisations including Wessex Local Medical Committee (representing GPs from across the BSW area).

The challenges faced by BSW include:

- A&E departments under pressure;
- patients waiting too long for GP appointments;
- gaps in quality;
- a growing population with very different needs and a large armed forces presence.

If they didn't do anything, there would be a £298m funding gap across BSW.

They want to transform primary care; have a joined-up, improved urgent care service; ensure there is targeted and improved support for older people; tackle obesity; introduce new, secure technology to store records; develop a modern workforce that helps solve capacity problems; improve collaboration across the hospital sites and introduce a single estates strategy.

So what, specifically, could this look like? Some of the proposals in the STP are:

- a new Fracture Liaison Service;
- new NHS 111 and out of hours' services with a 'clinical hub';
- standardising elective (planned) care pathways;
- using more telehealth tools and apps to support self-care;
- joining up education and training for staff across all partner organisations;
- hospitals joining up clinical out of hours' services e.g. laboratories and pharmacies.

What does it mean to me?

Consultation

Patients and the public will be fully involved in shaping the plans for their local area and no decision will be made before the public's views have been considered.

While there will always be a debate about how much money goes into health and care services, the NHS and the local councils still have a responsibility to squeeze maximum value and the best possible care from every penny made available. The ways in which we currently deliver health and care doesn't do that so we must change.

To help explain what STPs mean to you, NHS England have produced a diagram, which you will find attached to this newsletter.

Wiltshire Sight – Peer Support and Information Sessions



Wiltshire Sight are holding several Peer Support and Information Sessions within Swindon for people who have experienced sight loss.

Trained Sight Advisors can provide information, advice and support on sight loss and how to continue living independently. Low vision aids, including lighting and kitchen products, will be available for demonstration at each of their events. These events provide an opportunity to discuss experiences with others in a similar situation.

The next events to be held in Swindon are:

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| • Tesco Extra, Ocotol Way | 14 June 2017 | 10 am – 12 pm |
| • Newmedica, Taw Hill | 16 August 2017 | 10 am – 2 pm |
| • Newmedica, Taw Hill | 25 October 2017 | 10 am – 2 pm |
| • Tesco Extra, Ocotol Way | 8 November 2017 | 10 am – 12 pm |

Please contact Wiltshire Sight on 01380 723682 if you require any further information.

Experienced Patient Advisors Sought

The University of Liverpool are looking for patients to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the attached leaflet carefully and feel free to ask if you would like more information or if there's anything that you don't understand.

While in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), patients are very ill and often unable to make decisions about taking part in research studies. This makes recruiting and consenting critically ill patients quite difficult and complex; but there is a lack of guidance on how best to do this that is based on patients' and relatives' perspectives. The aim is to produce good practice guidance to inform recruitment and consent processes in ICU studies that reflects the views of patients, their family members, and doctors and researchers.

To do this, the University of Liverpool would like to invite people to be interviewed who have served as Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) advisors, or research partners, for studies based in the ICU. If you have been involved in the design or planning of an ICU-based study (for adults, not children), whether that involved attending meetings about the study, reading through and commenting on ethics applications, or information leaflets for the study, we would be interested in speaking with you. If you're not sure whether you would be eligible to participate in our study, please get in touch.

Interviews will be conducted over the phone, and will last about one hour. As a token of appreciation, they will be offering a £25 shopping voucher to everyone who takes part in an interview.

For more information, please contact Research Associate Katie Paddock, at the University of Liverpool on Katie.Paddock@liverpool.ac.uk or 0151 795 5421, who will be happy to help.

National Patient and Public Involvement Opportunities

The NHS Improvement Patient Safety team wants to hear from people with lived experience of using NHS services, their relatives, carers and the public. They are seeking expressions of interest to join a network of people that will fulfil a range of roles contributing to their vision for:

“The NHS to become devoted to continuous learning and improvement to continuously reduce the risk of harm to patients during the provision of healthcare.”

The closing date and time for expressions of interest is by 11.59pm on 7 July 2017.

How to apply

Completed the attached Application form and Equality Opportunity Monitoring Form.

You can either return these documents online, by email to n.ahamat@nhs.net or alternatively by post to:

Nona Ahamat
NHS Improvement
3rd Floor, area 3D, Skipton House
80 London Road
London
SE1 6LH

To receive other formats of this document, or if you have difficulty accessing the forms, please contact n.ahamat@nhs.net or call 07701 371250. If you would like to discuss the involvement opportunities before expressing interest please contact Nona Ahamat, using the contact details above.

Health Education England is recruiting new lay members for its national Patient Advisory Forum, a body which supports the organisation to provide high-quality healthcare training and education for the NHS workforce. This group was first established in 2013 and they are now looking to refresh their membership.

The Patient Advisory Forum enables Health Education England to put patients and the public at the heart of the education, training and workforce planning processes.

How to apply

All applicants must complete the attached application form.

If you wish to submit a paper copy of your application, or one in an alternative format, please send to

Liz Fenton
PAF Recruitment
Health Education England
2nd Floor
Stewart House
32 Russell Square

London
WC1B 5DN

HEE must receive your completed application for before midnight on June 4 2017.

Patient Stories



Do you have a good or bad health care experience that you would like us to know about?

Our Governing Body are keen to hear from Swindon and Shrivenham people to find out more about your experiences of using local health services. This is a great opportunity to tell your story! We can share your experiences as a voice recording, film, or written account – whatever you prefer. There is no need to include your name if you do not wish to do so. We can arrange to meet with you to discuss your story at a time and place convenient for you. If you would like to arrange a meeting or would like more information, please contact the Communications and Engagement Team at communications@swindonccg.nhs.uk or on 01793 683700.

For your interest and information

Oxford Academic Health Science Network (OAHSN) Newsletter

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

Healthwatch Swindon newsletter

The latest news and e-bulletins can be viewed [here](#).

Voluntary Action Swindon news

The latest news from VAS can be viewed [here](#).

NICE Public Involvement Programme (PIP)

Information on the PIP can be found [here](#).

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

A list of current consultations can be found [here](#).

People in Health in the West of England

The latest Newsflash articles can be found [here](#).

Latest news from the CCG

Governing Body

The next meeting in public of the Governing Body will take place at the CCG offices on the **22 June 2017 at 9.00 am**. This is **not** a full Governing Body meeting. The papers will be available on our website, one week before the meeting.

The Governing Body is held in public, although it is not a public meeting. If you would like to attend, please email communications@swindonccg.nhs.uk.

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum

Minutes from the PPI meetings can be viewed [here](#).

The next meeting of the PPI Forum is on **Thursday 22 June 2017 at 12.30 pm**

Please let us know if you would like to attend the meeting by contacting the Communications Team either by email or by telephone:

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T: 01793 683700

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