



# Patient and Public Involvement Newsletter

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## Keep Antibiotics Working



It is estimated that 5,000 deaths are caused every year in England because antibiotics no longer work for some infections and this figure is set to rise with experts predicting that in just over 30 years antibiotic resistance will kill more people than cancer and diabetes combined.

Antibiotics help ward off infections during chemotherapy, caesarean sections and other surgery. They also treat serious bacterial infections, such as pneumonia, meningitis and sepsis, but they are being used for everyday viral infections, such as colds or flu, where they are not effective. Taking antibiotics encourages harmful bacteria that live inside you to become resistant. That means that antibiotics may not work when you really need them.

Public Health England have launched a national campaign, 'Keep Antibiotics Working' highlighting that taking antibiotics when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk. To help keep antibiotics working you are urged to always take your doctor or nurse's advice on antibiotics.

You can watch the new campaign video here:  
<https://youtu.be/ef4QHUS5760>

## How does the NHS in England work?

The Kings Fund has produced a new animation explaining how the NHS in England works. You can watch the animation here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y97c9vkf>

## Patient Transport – What's Your View?



The NHS in the South West is seeking your views on how we can provide fair access to NHS funded patient transport.

Feedback will be used to consider how to improve the fairness in the way patients are supported with NHS funded non-emergency patient transport.

The survey can be accessed online at:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHS\\_NEPTHHaveYourSay](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHS_NEPTHHaveYourSay)

or phone 01278 727442 and ask for a hard copy

The survey closes on Friday 10 November 2017.

## Wheelchair assistance at Great Western Hospital



There are a number of volunteers who can provide wheelchair assistance at the Great Western Hospital.

The Royal Voluntary Service can assist an unaccompanied person who requires a wheelchair. An appointment would need to be made in advance by telephoning 07766 473 267 and is available from the Escort Lounge at the west entrance.

OWLS also provide a wheelchair and escort service which will need to be made by appointment by telephoning 01793 604046. Leaflets are available from the hospital.

Wheelchairs are available at the atrium entrance of the hospital and cost of £1 but you will need to make your own arrangements to be escorted around the hospital.

## The Tomorrow Project - Survey



Harmless are a charity supporting self-harm.

They are conducting a general population survey and invite anyone to complete it, unless you fall into any one of the following categories:

- You are currently in receipt of any support or treatment for your mental health.
- You are currently experiencing suicide crisis.

Please note that by completing this survey you are consenting to anonymised data being used in future public data sets for the purpose of research and evidencing the work that Harmless do.

You can access the survey here:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=bzafV2ax11hA0TXmCoi6gw\\_3D\\_3D](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=bzafV2ax11hA0TXmCoi6gw_3D_3D)

## Disability Experts Courses



Disability Experts Training & Consultancy is a Community Interest Company set up to give everybody the chance to succeed, regardless of their disability.

Their latest programme of activities can be found here: <https://www.disabilityexperts.co.uk/latest-courses>

## Wiltshire Wildlife Swindon Wellbeing Programme



The Swindon Wellbeing Programme is run by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and carries out nature-based activities including environmental conservation tasks, nature crafts and green exercise.

Is it for you?

- Have you been experiencing low mood, stress, anxiety or another mental health issue?
- Would you like to spend more time in nature?
- Are you looking for something to improve your physical and mental wellbeing?
- Would you like to meet new people in a safe and supportive environment?
- Would you like to learn some new skills?

When and where?

- Free weekly group activities at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reserves and inner-city green spaces.
- Free minibus transport from central Swindon.
- Tea and coffee provided (but please bring packed lunch).
- Activities last 4 hours and are led by fully-trained facilitators.
- No previous experience necessary!

You can self-refer on to this programme and a leaflet and referral form is attached.

## 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 **23 November 2017 at 9.00 am**. This is 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](mailto: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 23 November 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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