

Bulletin for Patient Groups

31 July 2019



[Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting](#)

10 September - 12-1.30pm – SportsAble, Braywick Road, Maidenhead

[CCG AGM](#)

17 September – 2pm start – Windsor racecourse

[Health and Wellbeing Day](#)

3 October – 10am-3pm – Easthampstead Baptist Church, Bracknell

[Primary Care Commissioning Committee Meeting](#)

12 November – 12-1.30pm – The Copthorne Hotel, Slough



New Patient Assembly Chair appointed

A new chair has been appointed to lead Bracknell and Ascot's Patient Assembly, which continues to provide a crucial link between local NHS commissioners and staff, patients and the wider public.

Alan Brown was appointed as Chair following the recent Patient Assembly meeting which also saw Alan Thomson being re-elected as Vice-Chair of the meeting.

Alan Brown retired in 2016 from an international career in the Gas Turbine, Nuclear Oil industries, where he was responsible for leading initiatives involving cooperation between multiple partners and agencies. Since then, he has been a member of the Sandhurst Patient Group as well as the current chair. Alan brings with him years of management experience and has a desire to see flourishing local patient representation in all aspects of health and wellbeing.

He said: "There is a great potential to influence local services if we work together to develop a common voice on those matters that affect us all, by working with the CCG (and shortly the ICS) to make sure local needs are fully addressed in future services, such as the implementation of primary care networks.

He added: "I want to explore closer relationships with the other Assemblies in East Berkshire as the ICS starts to organise primary care on a much larger scale than in previous years."

Update on Collaborative working between East Berkshire, North East Hampshire and Farnham and Surrey Heath CCGs

Click [here](#) for the latest update regarding the development of collaborative working between East Berkshire, North East Hampshire and Farnham and Surrey Heath CCGs (the three CCGs in the Frimley Health & Care Integrated Care System).



Community Grants 2019 – applications open

Has your voluntary, community or social enterprise group done some amazing patient, service user or carer involvement work that has improved healthcare services? If so, NHS England and NHS Improvement will be awarding grants of up to £2500 to a number of projects that showcase good practice around patient and citizen involvement in healthcare. If you are eligible, please complete the application form by Monday 23 September by using the [apply now](#) button. For more info, click [here](#).



NHS ‘Heat Heroes’ brave record temperatures to help patients keep cool

As Britain baked under record-breaking heat last week, the health service’s chief executive paid tribute to staff going above and beyond to keep people safe and healthy. Simon Stevens, Chief Executive for the NHS in England said: “Once again our staff – the country’s Heat Heroes – have risen to a challenge and shown just why our doctors, nurses and other NHS staff are the envy of the world.

“It is thanks to their continued hard work and ability to go above and beyond the call of duty; we are able to continue to look after our patients to the highest possible standard.

“So I’m sure the public will once again say ‘thank you’ to everyone working this week for your dedication and creativity, which is showing the absolute best of the NHS.” Click [here](#) for more.



Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust (FHFT) welcomes your feedback on its draft future Strategy

Over the past 10 months, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust has been working on the development of its future strategy. The aim of this work is to ensure that the Trust is able to face the challenges of the future and to ensure that they continue to deliver outstanding healthcare as a key provider within our integrated care system, now and in 10 years’ time. The Trust is now at the stage where they would welcome your feedback on its draft strategy. Please share your thoughts by answering five key questions. Click [here](#).

The feedback form will close at 5pm on Wednesday 7 August 2019.



GP Council – July update

A presentation was given by Dr Megan John on proposals for developing local patient services for dementia following the issue of new national guidelines for what should be done in primary and in secondary care. The proposals about how annual check-ups are done and on early diagnosis were discussed.

An update on the new services that have been introduced for neurology was presented. Patients now have one point of contact for joined up services for neurology conditions, and there is a new team of consultants based at Wexham. This new approach was started following an initiative by the Bracknell and Ascot CCG – it has started well and is making progress on the increasing patient needs in this field.

Then a workshop on preparing for winter pressures. Last year GP practices had been given additional funding to provide some more GP appointments in the winter months. Nearly all had been used, and the results data on what worked well and what not so well was presented and reviewed. Then on to a workshop discussion with GPs and practice managers on what might be included in extending the scheme for this year – and the practicalities and priorities – including more on patient communication. It is good that the preparation has started early and that a case is being made for additional winter support for GP Practices and local Primary Care Networks.

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