

Health for north east London consultation

A consultation is underway in north east London on delivering high quality hospital services. The proposal aim to improve the following areas of hospital care, and will complement the increasing amount of care now available in health centres, polyclinics, GP surgeries and other local centres;

- Vascular surgery, children's surgery, planned and emergency surgery
- Accident and emergency services
- Maternity services
- Complex inpatient care

The hospitals involved in the consultation are:

- Whipps Cross University Hospital, Leytonstone
- King George Hospital, Goodmaynes
- Queens Hospital, Romford
- Newham University Hospital, Plaistow
- Royal London, Whitechapel

Essex residents in the Loughton and Brentwood areas use some of these hospitals, and the Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (NHS) is working with NHS West Essex and NHS South West Essex to organise roadshows in these areas, to ensure residents can find out about the proposals, talk to NHS staff and have their say. The details are:

Loughton event

26 February, 12-7pm
Sainsburys, Old Station Rd
Loughton, Essex
IG10 4PE

Brentwood event

27 February, 10am-4pm
Baytree shopping centre
High Street, Brentwood,
Essex, CM14 4BX

Please find attached the adverts for each event. The consultation closes on **8th March 1010**. Further information is available at www.healthfornel.nhs.uk

NHS Evidence - Musculoskeletal Specialist Collection eNewsletter February 2010

Please find attached the latest NHS Evidence-musculoskeletal eNewsletter.

Raising awareness of the forthcoming Dignity Action Day

The 25th February is the first national "Action for Dignity Day". People - both "professionals" in health and social care, and members of the public – are asked to give the gift of time - to make a pledge to do something on or near the day that either raises awareness of dignity in care, or that does something directly to support a patient or carer. You can see the pledges people have made on an interactive map on the dignity website:

<http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/dignityincare/DAD/pledgesAndActivities/>

The national Dignity Team have produced two resource packs - one for health and social care staff and one for individuals and community groups. These can be downloaded from the following addresses:

[http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/library/Resources/Dignity/DAD/Health social care staff Dignity Action Day resource pack.pdf](http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/library/Resources/Dignity/DAD/Health_social_care_staff_Dignity_Action_Day_resource_pack.pdf)

[http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/library/Resources/Dignity/DAD/Members of the public Dignity Action Day Resource Pack.pdf](http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/library/Resources/Dignity/DAD/Members_of_the_public_Dignity_Action_Day_Resource_Pack.pdf)

Building a thriving Essex, Collaborating for a brighter future

ESTIC (Essex, Southend, Thurrock Infrastructure Consortium) is organising a one day conference to explore the workings of the third sector and the statutory sector in Essex and to build strong working relationships with partners across all sectors. Agenda for the conference is attached herein.

The conference will take place on 16th March 2010 between 9.30am-4.30pm at Five Lakes Country Club, Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon. To register please visit www.estic.org.uk or call ESTIC on 01376 574345.

Do you look after someone? 'Find Support group near you'

Please find attached the guide of support groups providing support to carers at Essex, Basildon, Brentwood, Rayleigh, Thurrock and Southend on Sea.

Issue 2 of the Care Quality Commission's guidance for local groups of people who use health and social care services

Please find attached the second issue of CQC guidance for local groups of people who use health and social care services. It tells more about how local groups of people can work with CQC and tell CQC their views and experiences of services. The guidance is also available at CQC website at

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/getinvolved/viewsfromlocalgroups/whocansendusinformation.cfm> or [http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Voices into action \(electronic\).pdf](http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/Voices%20into%20action_(electronic).pdf). If you have any questions please contact lucy.hamer@cqc.org.uk , clare.delap@cqc.org.uk or jose.king@cqc.org.uk

Quality accounts: launch of the framework for 2010 (Gateway reference number: 13463)

This letter from David Nicholson informs that DH has published regulations on the framework for quality accounts, following last autumn's consultation. DH, Monitor, CQC and NHS East of England have also developed a toolkit of useful guidance and case studies to help NHS providers prepare their quality accounts. The copy of letter is available at http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_112329

Socialist Health Association Conferences

- ***Foundation Trusts, Democracy and Public Ownership*** at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS Friday on 5th March 11am-4pm. This is a paid conference, cost (includes lunch): Statutory and commercial organisations £75, Voluntary organisations £38, Socialist Health Association members £12 (includes members of affiliated organisations such as GMB, Unite and Unison who represent their union or pay their own way). Unfunded organisations and individuals please contact at 0161 286 1926.
- ***Debate on Markets and Health*** at Institute for the Study of Civil Society, 55 Tufon Street London SW1P 3QL on 17th March 6.30pm - 9pm. There is no charge for this event.

Booking form is available at:

<http://www.sochealth.co.uk/confs/Booking.htm>

CEMVO 10th Anniversary Celebration FREE Seminar Series

As part of continuing 10th Anniversary Celebrations, CEMVO is hosting the following seminars:

*Patrick Vernon, Director of Afiya Trust: “**Generation to Generation: family history, cultural identity and mental well being**” at Room B202, the Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG. (Nearest tube: Russell Square/ Goodge Street) on Wednesday 3rd March, 3.00pm- 5.00pm.*

To make a reservation, email events@cemvo.org.uk.

World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2010 (Sunday)

Basildon Mental Health Forum is organising number of meetings inviting everyone to get together and start to organise and arrange for this important day. All Meetings will take place on Mondays between 10-12pm at the Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex SS14 1DX. Meeting dates are 29th March; 26th April; 17th May; 28th June; 26th July; 23rd August; 27th September.

If you need more information, please contact **Mark Dale**, Chairman Basildon Mental Health Forum at **07531 281682**.

Community Interest Company shows the way forward for patient care

Interesting document circulated to GPs and others through the Primary Care Commissioning website.

<http://www.expertpatients.co.uk/sites/default/files/publications/EVIDENCE%20FOR%20THE%20HEALTH.pdf>

Progress in Improving Stroke Care

Please find attached the Department of Health report on Progress in Improving Stroke Care.

NHS East of England has Non - Executive Director vacancy on its board (Ref E10534C)

If you've gained senior level Expertise in the private, public or voluntary sectors, NHS East of England offers an exceptional opportunity to put your talents to use by making a positive difference to the lives of people in your community. For an informal discussion with the Chair, Keith Pearson, please contact his PA Sandra Hobbs on 01223 597 626. The time commitment is a minimum of two and a half days each month and the remuneration is £7,882 per annum. The closing date for applications is 25th February 2010 at noon and interviews will be held on 3rd March 2010.

For more information, and to apply online please visit the website

www.appointments.org.uk. Alternatively you can call 0870 240 3802 to request an alternative format such as braille, large print and audio.

Social Care Seminar series 2010: Telecare

We are delighted to inform you that our first social care seminar held on **15th February 2010** on **Telecare** was a success. Attendees found the seminar very informative and useful.

