

## **Patient group urges residents to take part in public consultation**

Patients who regularly give feedback to local healthcare commissioners have urged fellow residents to put forward their opinions too.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group's Patient Reference Group (PRG) has called on residents across the area to take part in the CCG's 'Proposals to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services' public consultation.

There are just over three weeks left for residents to give their views, with consultation responses due back by 16 June.

Patient Representative Michael Bacon said: "If you want to have your say on the future shape of older people's healthcare and adult community services, it's crucial you give your views now.

"This is about hospital and community healthcare for those over 65 and also adult community health services used by younger adults who have long term conditions such as diabetes, respiratory disease or heart disease."

The CCG Governing Body will consider the response to the consultation and will give feedback to the organisations that have put forward these proposals.

The CCG will also consider how this is reflected when they choose one of the organisations to deliver the services.

Patient Representative Brian Parsons said: "We all need to give our views on what's being proposed now in order for our opinions to be taken into account.

"The CCG feels that there will be improved NHS-funded healthcare for this group of patients if it is delivered in a joined-up way around the needs of the patient.

"It wants to hear our views as residents on the way a number of organisations are proposing NHS-funded health services could be delivered to provide this more joined-up care."

Taking part

Residents can find out more about and take part in the 'Proposals to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services' consultation through a number of ways:

Go along to one of the public meetings still to be held:

- o 30 May 1pm-2.30pm Little Shelford Memorial Hall, Church Street, CB22 5HG
  - o 2 June 1pm-2.30pm The Fleet, Fleet Way, Fletton, Peterborough, PE2 8DL
  - o 2 June 7pm-8.30pm The Fleet, Fleet Way, Fletton, Peterborough, PE2 8DL
  - o 7 June 10am-12pm Central Library, 7 Lion Yard, Cambridge, CB2 3QD.
- read the consultation document and complete the questionnaire on the CCG's website [www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk](http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk)
  - complete a paper copy of the questionnaire found in the consultation document available on request by:
    - o phone: 01223 725304
    - o FREEPOST: Freepost Plus RSCR-GSGK-XSHK, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG, Lockton House, Clarendon Road, Cambridge CB2 8FH.
    - o email: [engagement@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk](mailto:engagement@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk)

If you belong to a group or organisation, you can invite the CCG along to one of your meetings by contacting the CCG's Engagement Team on the number or email given above.

The public consultation ends on 16 June 2014.

On-going participation

C&P CCG's PRG has also called on residents to find out about the ways they can have on-going input on the healthcare services the CCG commissions.

Patient Representative Sandy Ferrelly said: "Having input on locally commissioned healthcare isn't restricted to times of public consultation.

“If you want to get involved in the commissioning of local health services, there are a number of ways in which you can do so including joining a Patient Participation Group, Patient Forum or signing up to the Stakeholder List.”

### Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Most GP surgeries have a PPG. It is a group of patients from the GP practice, interested in health and healthcare issues who want to get involved with and support the running of their local GP practice.

Most PPGs meet at regular intervals to decide ways of making a positive contribution to the services and facilities offered by the practice to patients.

### Patient Forum

Some areas have patient forums, to which membership is open to anyone.

These are groups of people interested in health and healthcare issues who will meet usually every two months.

### Stakeholder List

If you just want to get kept informed about what's going, then it's best to ask to have your details added to the CCG Stakeholder List, a secure database of names and contact details

To find out more about Patient Participation Groups (PPGs), Patient Forums and the Stakeholder List, contact the CCG Engagement Team on 01223 725304, or email [engagement@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk](mailto:engagement@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk).

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