

Quarterly News

August 2017



Welcome

'Welcome to the NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) newsletter. It has been a busy 2017 for us so far. As always, we have been working hard to deliver improvements to health care in Southwark and we are pleased to be able to update you on some exciting projects and initiatives. I hope you find this bulletin useful and interesting and I thank you for your continued interest in NHS Southwark CCG. If you no longer wish to subscribe to this bulletin, please email us at souccg.southwark-ccg@nhs.net and we will remove your name from our mailing list.'

Dr Jonty Heaversedge
Chair, NHS Southwark CCG

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CCG maintains overall 'good' rating in national assessment

This was the second consecutive year we have achieved an [overall 'good' rating](#) from NHS England – one of only two CCGs in south east London to have done so. As well as an overall rating for the CCG, NHS England also assessed our performance in mental health, dementia, learning disability, cancer, diabetes and maternity and the CCG saw a significant improvement in its rating for dementia.

Have your say on proposed changes to NHS prescriptions in Southwark



NHS Southwark CCG is asking for patients' views on whether some medicines, which are available over-the-counter without a prescription; medicines for malaria prevention and selected travel vaccinations, should no longer be prescribed by local GPs. [Surveys are available online](#) and on paper in GP surgeries, pharmacies and public venues across Southwark until 20 August.

Your invitation to our Annual General Meeting



Our [Annual General Meeting](#) takes place on Thursday 31 August at the Gary Weston Library, Southwark Cathedral. Please join us to hear about plans and developments in local health services.

There will be refreshments and an opportunity to meet members of our Governing Body from 2.30pm. The formal meeting will start at 3pm.

Improved results in 360° Stakeholder Survey 2017



We were delighted with the results of our annual CCG 360° Stakeholder Survey, run by IPSPS Mori, on behalf of NHS England. We had the highest response rate in London at 87% for the fourth consecutive year and the fifth highest response rate nationally. We continue to improve on previously good results and, in the vast majority of areas, we are above the national average. [Full results have been published on our website.](#)



Appointment of HIV Clinical Champion

The CCG is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Cristina Guallar as [HIV Clinical Champion](#), to focus on early diagnosis and treatment of patients living with HIV in the borough.

Engaging on our joint draft mental health and wellbeing strategy



NHS Southwark CCG and Southwark Council are seeking feedback on their draft mental health and wellbeing strategy. Since October 2016, we have been working with Southwark Council, NHS organisations, the voluntary and community sector, users of services, carers, and local residents to talk about mental health and wellbeing and what matters most about the services we deliver.

We are now [engaging with the public on our draft strategy](#) and as part of this, we will be holding an event on the evening of 11 September. Further details will follow, but if you are interested,

please contact us at souccg.southwark-ccg@nhs.net.

GP Online services



We have been encouraging patients to register for [GP Online services](#). This enables them to book and cancel appointments, access medical records and order repeat prescriptions online. So far, more than 47,000 Southwark patients have signed up.

Changes to lay membership on Governing Body

The CCG now has four lay Members, each taking on specific roles and responsibilities for areas of our governance which reflect their individual skills, experience and interests. Find out more about our [new Lay Member portfolios](#).

Clinical pharmacists within general practice



Our GP Federations, Quay Health Solutions and Improving Health, have both been successful in bidding for funding for a pilot scheme which will see [clinical pharmacists based in GP practices](#). They will provide expertise on day-to-day medicine issues and support safe, consistent and personalised medicines interventions across the entire Southwark population, under our [Five Year Forward View](#).

Future of health and care services in spotlight



Thank you to all those who attended the Our Healthier South East London public event in Southwark on 11 July. There were some very stimulating questions and conversations and a report will be published to capture and evaluate the feedback received. This was one of a series of 'market-place' style events held across south east London this summer to inform and engage residents on plans for local health and care services for the future. [Read more about the plans](#).

Improving care through Local Care Networks (LCNs)

We continue to support the [development of LCNs](#) in 2017/18, so that they can play an increasing role in bringing services together. Our LCNs are aligned to the GP Federations in Southwark – Quay Health Solutions (north) and Improving Health (south) – and their aim is to design and implement more coordinated care. Through [speaking to people with three or more long term conditions](#), we have been able to make significant progress towards providing more joined-up and holistic care to these patients with more complex needs.



Work progressing well on new school and health centre at Dulwich

We continue to work together with various partners on a [new health care centre](#) and community secondary school to be built on the Dulwich Community Hospital site. We are pleased to have reached the detailed design phase and the milestone of planning approval being granted for both the schemes. We have been working with specialist groups to ensure the new building is accessible for all patients.

New community dermatology service



provider.

The CCG is planning a new community dermatology service for the treatment of skin conditions. To help us shape this, we held an [engagement event on 17 July](#) to hear the views and experiences of people who have previously used dermatology services. We presented our proposals and held group discussions about what is important for patients and how they could work with us in choosing a new

Supporting Guy's and St Thomas's charity in tackling childhood obesity



eating and physical activity in the places that children of all ages spend their time: home, school and neighbourhood.

Childhood obesity is a global problem, with 70 million young people predicted to be obese by 2025. It's a complex issue and a major challenge locally, with rates in Lambeth and Southwark among the highest in the country. We're working with [Guy's and St Thomas' Charity](#) on a cross-sector approach that focuses on creating environments that support and encourage nutritious



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