

YOUR PRACTICE

and even though elected after Interview I would feel much better if my views were formed collectively rather than personally.

For the last 11 months I have sat on the Access to Primary Care Services Co-Production Group of the East Lancs CCG, with members from the other Localities (Boroughs), and as this is ongoing with much to do before a 'Service Model' is finalised, there will be many opportunities to help to shape the future of our NHS Services locally.

One of the things at the top of every PPG Action Plan seems to be the desire to produce a Newsletter. The frequency would vary, but at least quarterly, and the main thing I have learned being involved at CCG Level is how much I didn't know about the current services being commissioned. This triggered the idea of a 'Newsletter Template' covering Health Topics, Generic Information and Self-Management guidance for good Health and Wellbeing, with a page/space for Individual GP Practices to add their own information before final publication. A draft has been produced to see if you like the idea and we ask you to share your thoughts for improvement. The newsletter will combine East Lancs CCG, Rossendale Locality and Individual news.

I would appreciate any comments on anything that would help me to better represent the Rossendale views from a Patient perspective at the CCG. I can be contacted by email at ronniebarker@virginmedia.com. Please also let me have any comments relating to the Newsletter Template.

Virtual Dementia Experience to take place 9/10/11 September at VIC Centre in Haslingden. To book email dorothy.mitchell100@gmail.com

Colouring for Adults available Sept by VIC 01706 833180 or email info@veteransincommunities.org

YOUR LOCALITY

Cinema for All

Dementia Friendly Rossendale is to be involved in a pilot initiative alongside the Rossendale Museum. With sponsorship from the British Film Industry, Rawtenstall is one of only four areas in the UK to show reminiscence films whilst gauging the support / appetite for these to be held on a regular basis. The first of the films will be screened on **Wednesday 16 September**. Further details will be available shortly on the DFR web site at www.eastlancsdementia.org/dementia-friendly-rossendale

Prescription for Wellbeing

The CCG appointed Burnley, Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) and Hyndburn and Ribbles Valley Council for Voluntary Services to deliver a small grants programme across East Lancashire. The scheme is known as "Prescription for Wellbeing" and aims to fund small, local voluntary and community organisations to provide socially orientated support for patients in the Community. Successful Rossendale applications included:

Crossroads Care East Lancashire: Getting Together Singing Group.

For people living with either dementia, Parkinson's and/or who have experienced a stroke.

Friends Reminisce:

Reminiscence Sessions in the Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery, Rawtenstall. Reminiscence sessions for older people living with dementia and others who may go on to develop it.

Community Assets Standing Tall: **Healthy Connections – Past & Present**. Memory days and memory box workshops to stimulate the mind and memory activity.

Seniors Together in Rossendale: **Memory Box**. Participants encouraged to bring their own photos, production of family trees, photo collages or communal photo boards and keepsake boxes.

YOUR CCG (EAST LANCS)

360° Stakeholder Survey

The CCG 360° stakeholder survey was commissioned by NHS England to allow stakeholders to provide feedback on their working relationship with the CCG, ultimately improving quality and outcomes for patients. It's important for us to know what our stakeholders, including our member practices, think of us and how we can improve as an organisation.

The CCG invited a number of stakeholders to complete the survey including GP member practices, other CCGs, health and wellbeing boards, patient groups and other NHS providers. The highest response was from GP member practices – out of 73 invited to take part, 68 (93%) responded. The survey was conducted between 12 March 2015 and 8 April

Primary Care Development

An enormous amount of work has been carried out over the last 12 months with patients and stakeholders, developing a range of key principles and values. Patients have told us they want to access services closer to home and, if possible, for these to be at their own GP practice. Some patients would like to see more online access and the use of alternatives to face to face consultations, such as telephone, skype or e-mail. Access to good quality information to support the choices patients make in accessing health and care and to support them in taking care of their own health was considered to be extremely important.

Patients, providers and commissioners were invited to attend a multi-speciality event in July to launch the co-design process with a view to working together on a borough footprint.

