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PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWSLETTER Autumn 2016

YOUR PRACTICE (Waterfoot)

Welcome to our latest Newsletter produced in Partnership with the East Lancs CCG.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the sudden death of one of our PPG Members whilst on holiday.



Philip was a true Gentleman and will be deeply missed.

At our meeting on 06/12/16 at 6pm at the Health Centre we hope to welcome two new members.

We would also welcome your involvement as a patient at Waterfoot either with our online forum or meeting occasionally, please ask at reception for details.



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Is consulting on a proposal to stop commissioning Gluten-free Foods on the basis that a range of products are now available from Supermarkets at a cost comparative to non-GF Products. The NHS commits the CCG to use its finite resources in the most effective, fair & sustainable way to provide best value to the Taxpayers. See the [link across in \(Your CCG\)](#).

YOUR LOCALITY (Rossendale)

New model of extended Primary Care

As a locality, Rossendale has been involved in the development of a new model of extended primary care. Through working with its GP Practice Patient Participation Groups it has tried to ensure that awareness about the consultation was as wide as possible. Now that the consultation is over, the locality are progressing to the next stage of specifically feeding back the results of the consultation to those same patient groups, whilst beginning to scope the service in more detail. Involvement of the patients, GP Practices and the preferred service provider are crucial in this being commissioned correctly.

Multi-Specialty Community Provider (MCP) – Test pilot site

Rossendale locality, have come forward to be an MCP test site and have already attended a number of development meetings with East Lancashire Hospitals Trust (ELHT). Their focus will be around Paediatrics with the establishment of a single point of access, MDT style reviews of complex or multiple needs patients and some sort of observation facility / service set as initial aims. A review of the frailty pathways is also being discussed.

Community Paramedic

The locality has recently been informed that there will be a dedicated Paramedic presence in Rossendale. It is hoped that the Community Paramedic will work closely with the Rossendale GP

YOUR CCG (East Lancashire)

CCG Annual Report 15/16

On the 26th September we held our Annual General Meeting at Burnley Town Hall where we presented our Annual Report and Accounts for 2015/16. Read our Annual Report Summary on our website at:

<http://www.eastlancscg.nhs.uk/news/367-annual-report-summary-2015-16>

Thanks for your responses to our Primary Care Access Proposals

In April we launched a twelve week consultation on a proposed new model for primary care in East Lancashire. An online survey was supported with a distribution of 13,000 paper questionnaires to the 58 GP practices and patient and public interest groups. The consultation was widely promoted through the press advertisements, radio coverage, social media and face-to-face engagement. We received a total of 2,129 completed questionnaires, including over 900 comments, which we have given consideration to. View the full findings on our website at:

<http://www.eastlancscg.nhs.uk/get-involved/current-engagement/improving-gp-access/improving-gp-access-consultation-findings>

Consultation on prescribing gluten free foods

We're consulting on the prescribing of gluten free foods in East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen and would like to hear your views. Please

YOUR PRACTICE (Waterfoot)

We would like to record our thanks to one of our PPG Members Jodi Boys for stepping in to transform our Planters in time for the recent CQC Inspection visit. **We are on the look-out for a Volunteer to keep them in a good condition the whole year round.** Can you help?



The Rossendale Locality Annual Report for Sept 16, and the Patient Partners Progress Report can now be read under the **Updates** section on the **Rossendale PPG Network Page in the REAL Community Directory** by following the link <http://www.realttd.co.uk/rossendale-locality-ppg/>

You can keep up to date with the Health News on the Waterfoot Group of Doctors website by following the link <http://www.waterfootgroupofdoctors.co.uk/news.aspx?pr=P81132>

See also Self-care guides on <http://www.realttd.co.uk/waterfoot-patient-participation-group/>

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Practices together with the community at large and arrangements have been made for him to be mentored by Dr Zeenat Sykes of the Illex View Medical Practice.

Response to New Housing Plans

Rossendale Borough Council have been instructed that they must increase the number of new properties in the borough. An initial target of 5,000 new homes over a 15 year period has been identified. The CCG have been asked to estimate what the impact on access to health services that this increase would have. This could potentially lead to an additional 11,500 additional patients who will be seeking both a GP Practice and Dental Practice registration. As a locality the GP Practices submitted information to the CCG from which a short report has been prepared and submitted to the Borough Council for their consideration.

Extended Appointments for patients 85 years of age and older

The locality have run an initiative that provides funds to GP Practices so that they are able to spend more clinical consultation time with those patients that are aged over 85. This allows the GP to discuss, examine and review a patient who is over 85 recognising that frequently this age group may have many complex health issues to deal with and this allows for a longer and more comprehensive consultation. This initiative has been led by Dr John O'Malley.

Friends Reminisce Dementia Advice Pack now available with sources of support to help you, your family and friends to live well when a Diagnosis is made.



YOUR CCG (EAST LANCS)

complete our survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/gconsultation>

7th Nov 2016: Equality Delivery System 2 (EDS2) Public Grading Assessment Event - 09:30 till 15:00 at Walshaw House, Regent Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 8AS

East Lancashire CCG are looking for local people, community and support groups and East Lancashire CCG staff to participate in their Public EDS Grading Event. For further info go to: <http://www.eastlancccg.nhs.uk/news/382-invite-to-score-your-local-nhs>

#HealthyEastLancs Photo Competition

Back in April we launched our **#healthyeastlancs** photo competition, asking people to send in photos of what health & wellbeing means to them, with the 12 selected winning photos to feature in a calendar.

The competition is now closed and an announcement about the winners will follow shortly.

Policy for managing joint pain

A significant number of people suffer from lower back pain, and this places a considerable demand on NHS services. The management of low back pain represents one of the greatest challenges to the health service. East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen CCG are focussed on commissioning the most effective, evidence-based health care possible. Using the latest evidence we have developed a policy for the management of low back pain, particularly considering spinal, fact and epidural injections. For further details go to:

<http://www.eastlancccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/current-engagement/policy-for-managing-joint-pain>