

## Media release

### Shaping the future of primary care in Guildford

Local residents in Guildford and those who live in Westborough, Stoughton and Stoke are being invited to share their views on the future of primary care services at a number of engagement sessions being held throughout July.

The 'Shaping the future of primary care' programme is focusing on how these practices, working with NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG will address some of the challenges GP Practices and their workforce face.

Primary care covers all the healthcare services provided in the community by GPs and other healthcare professionals (e.g. Practice Nurses, Midwives, Healthcare Assistants) located in a GP practice. This is often the first point of contact for people who are seeking medical advice or treatment. Over recent years primary care has been facing increasing challenges.

These include:

- Growth in the number of registered patients. People are living longer with multiple long-term health conditions.
- Insufficient space to develop services. The practices do not have capacity to provide additional services due to lack of space in their buildings.
- Easy access. Some of the buildings do not lend themselves to provide easy and inclusive access for all our patients.
- Enhance ways of working. Capacity within the workforce limits the ability to develop how services are delivered.

Work has been progressing in recent months on the pressing requirement to review options for the delivery of primary care at a local level and these options and thoughts are now ready for sharing with the local community.

Dr Abi Hosangady, GP, Guilddowns Group Practice said: "We want to ensure we have services in place to meet the health and wellbeing needs of our local population now and for the future. We have a population that is living longer with multiple health conditions and we want to ensure we have a health service that can support patients."

Professor Simon de Lusignan, GP Woodbridge Hill and Professor of Primary Care and Clinical Informatics added: "We really want to discuss this programme of work with Guildford residents particularly those who live in Westborough, Stoughton and Stoke. We want to understand what factors are key in the location and services provided within primary care and it is important we hear the views of patients, carers and the local community on our initial thoughts."

[www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk](http://www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk)

There are a range of engagement opportunities for people to get involved starting with public exhibitions commencing on Tuesday 16 July 2019.

For more information please visit [www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk](http://www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk) or contact [GWCCG.Info@nhs.net](mailto:GWCCG.Info@nhs.net)

You can also contact the CCG via telephone on 01483 405450 or by text 07917 087 560.

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### **Notes to editors:**

We really want to hear the views of the public on the future of primary care and we have identified a programme of engagement which is outlined below:

#### **Exhibition and drop-in sessions**

##### **Park Barn Centre, Park Barn Drive, Guildford, GU2 8EN**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Drop-in Session 1</b>	<b>Drop-in Session 2</b>
Tuesday 16 July	10am to 12pm	2pm to 4pm
Wednesday 17 July	10am to 12pm	2pm to 4pm

##### **The Mill, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Drop-in Session 1</b>	<b>Drop-in Session 2</b>
Tuesday 23 July	10am to 12pm	2pm to 4pm
Wednesday 24 July	2pm-4pm	6pm-8pm

##### **New Life Baptist Church, Stoughton, Guildford**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Drop-in Session 1</b>	<b>Drop-in Session 2</b>
Thursday 25 July	10am to 12pm	2pm to 4pm
Friday 26 July	10am to 12pm	

## Engagement session

Date	Venue	Time	Register
Monday 22 July	Mandolay Hotel, Guildford, 36-40 London Rd, Guildford, GU1 2AE	6:30pm to 8:30pm	<a href="http://www.shapepcnguildford.eventbrite.co.uk">www.shapepcnguildford.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

The NHS Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG) consists of 21 GP practices, known as 'Member Practices'. From 1 April, 2013, the NHS Guildford and Waverley CCG became the NHS organisation responsible for the commissioning of hospital and community health services, medicines management and enhanced primary care services for the residents of Guildford and Waverley. Find out more here: [www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk](http://www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk)

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