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Press Release

Tell us what you think of NHS services in Oxfordshire

The NHS in Oxfordshire is calling on young people, parents, patients, carers and people who live and work in Oxfordshire to have their say on how health care is delivered.

Events are being held to encourage people to 'drop in' and have an informal conversation with NHS clinicians and staff to share their ideas on how NHS services in Oxfordshire can deliver high quality care now and in the future.

The NHS in Oxfordshire is seeking your views on how local GP, community and hospital services should develop so that services are of high quality, closer to home, more convenient with better access and can overcome a £200m funding gap by 2020/21.

The events are informal 'drop-in's with NHS clinicians and staff on hand to take questions and feedback.

They will focus on:

- the financial health challenges within Oxfordshire
- how we can improve the overall health of people in Oxfordshire
- how we can prevent people from getting ill
- how we can improve quality
- make best use of tax payers money
- How you can get more actively involved including hearing about our plans for public consultation later in the year around models of care across Oxfordshire

Damon Palmer, Programme Director, said "We really want the public to be partners with us in this process. We want parents, teenagers, patients, carers and people that work in the county to tell us their views about how we can improve NHS services in Oxfordshire. We cannot afford to continue providing services in the way we have done in the past. Together we need to re-think how we deliver health and social care services."

The Big Conversation Roadshows are being held on:

Tuesday 12 July, 6pm – 9pm, at Banbury Town Hall
Monday 18 July, 6pm – 9pm, at The Beacon in Wantage
Thursday 21 July, 6pm – 9pm, at Oxford Town Hall
Tuesday 26 July, 2pm – 5pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford
Thursday 28 July, 2pm – 5pm, at the Littlebury Hotel, Bicester
Thursday 4 August, 11am – 2pm, Methodist Church, Witney

If you would like more information about these events, please contact: Julia Stackhouse on 01865 334638

Ends.

Notes to editors:

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- From June to October 2016 patients and the public are being involved in the development of proposals for new models of healthcare in Oxfordshire. This period of engagement will inform our ideas for the way services might be best provided in the future.
- A stakeholder event held on 6 June signalled the start of a public conversation about the case for change, and gathered views on possible ways we can deliver our health resources to sustain high quality and affordable care both now and in the future. The report from this event is available here: <http://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/work-programmes/transforming-health-in-oxfordshire/>
- A key issue in Oxfordshire is the rising demand from increasing population growth. The number of over-85s in the county is expected to rise from 15,000 to around 24,000 by 2016. Many older people are living with chronic disease or multiple long-term conditions. This coincides with significant funding constraints on commissioners and providers of health and social care services.
- An Oxfordshire Transformation Board was established last year between NHS trusts, GP federations, and Oxfordshire County Council to look at organising health and care services more efficiently and achieving the best standard of care for everyone.
- Clinicians and health and social care professionals from across all organisations are working together to review services in order to improve quality and reduce inequality. This involves developing community services, delivering care closer to home, and reducing demand for hospital care.
- This work will inform the Oxfordshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) – part of NHS England's plan to help deliver the *NHS Five Year Forward View*. The STP will act as a

single strategic plan for all partners in the local health and care system.

- At this point we don't know how services will change, and no decisions have been made. During the summer, NHS clinicians and managers will be meeting with patients and the public to test ideas and possible models of care.