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Local news from your local Healthwatch

All the local news and coming events from Healthwatch Rutland: End of June 2018

Healthwatch Rutland New Team Update

Further to announcing the new Healthwatch Rutland (HWR) Board Members in the last Newsletter, we are pleased to welcome Healthwatch Officer Esther Stimpson on secondment from Healthwatch Northamptonshire for 2 days a week, starting in July. Esther is fresh from recent success working with members of Young Healthwatch Northamptonshire to gain a coveted Investing in Children Award and we look forward to deploying Esther's project and engagement experience in HWR. Welcome Esther!

In addition, we are looking to recruit a Healthwatch Officer to lead on gathering and reporting health and care service experiences of local people, offering signposting advice, developing projects and providing support to our volunteers. Find more details about the role, remuneration and an application pack [here](#).

Healthwatch Quick Poll

Don't forget our Quick Poll - this month asking how much you would like to be involved in planning your care when you are older. It's just 3 questions and will take a minute of your time. Please take part [here](#) (the poll closes on Friday 6th July).

Share your views on out-of-hours Healthcare Services

Patients in East Leicestershire and Rutland are being asked for their views on proposed changes to out-of-hours healthcare services. These services, also known as urgent care services, offer GP and nurse appointments when GP practices are closed on weekday evenings, at weekends and on bank holidays. The changes, which include plans to open a new Urgent Care Centre in Blaby, and revise opening hours of existing urgent care services, are designed to make services easier to navigate for patients and make best use of NHS resources. Find out more about the proposals [here](#).

A survey is available to complete online until Tuesday 24th July 2018, the results of which will be used to help shape the services. The survey can be accessed [here](#).

In addition, East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group (ELRCCG) will run two information events for the public in July, one for Blaby and one for Rutland. The Rutland event will be held on Thursday 12th July, 2-4.30pm at the Gover Conference

Room, Rutland Community Hub, Lands' End Way, Oakham LE15 6RB. Please come along to listen to a presentation about the proposals, followed by a question & answer session. You can register your place [here](#).

Relocation, Relocation, Relocation for Leicester's Children's Hearts Service

In November 2017, NHS England (NHSE) announced that the threat to decommission heart services at the East Midlands Congenital Heart Centre (EMCHC) had been lifted, meaning that the centre is continuing to provide lifesaving surgery for children and adults in the region. To meet the standards set by NHSE, EMCHC will relocate to the Royal Infirmary's Kensington Building where other children's services are based, by March 2020. In fact all Children's services will move into the Kensington Building and create a stand-alone Leicester Children's Hospital; this will be the first time all children's services are housed under one roof in Leicester. (Congenital heart services for adults will remain at Glenfield Hospital). Read more about the changes [here](#).

Next Steps for Better Care Together

The NHS organisations in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) have confirmed that during July they will mark the 70th year of the NHS by publishing a document setting out the **Next Steps for Better Care Together** in the local area.

Back in November 2016, as part of the national initiative to produce Sustainability and Transformation Plans (or STPs for short) for 44 areas across the country, the local NHS organisations published draft proposals to improve health services for patients in our area. Whilst people welcomed the overall direction of improving care quality and safety while integrating services, many had concerns about the number of hospital beds and the capacity of general practice and community services in particular to support the new service models. The STP for LLR is now to be known locally as Better Care Together, and the Next Steps publication, whilst not being a 'final version' of the original draft STP plan, will provide an update on progress already made, set out the refreshed strategic direction which responds to feedback on the initial proposals, and summarise plans for the priority areas.

Find out more about the Better Care Together partnership [here](#).

Share your views on CAMHS services

NHS England is looking for feedback on a new specification for Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAMHS). Find out more [here](#) and share your views by Tuesday 14th August.

Date for your Diary....

The first Board Meeting of the New HWR Board is scheduled for 12th July 2018; 6.30-8.30pm; more details to follow.

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