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## **Residents invited to first public Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body meeting**

Redditch and Bromsgrove residents got the chance to meet the new board in charge of overseeing healthcare in the area.

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove (CCG) held its first public board meeting on Thursday 26th February at the Town hall in Redditch.

The meeting, led by Dr Jonathan wells, local GP and Chair of NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG, was attended by members of the public including members of the Save the Alex campaign group, who had the opportunity to ask questions about health issues in the area.

Amongst the items discussed at the first meeting was the Joint Service Review, and the announcement made earlier in the week which confirmed that there are now two possible options for the future of services at the Alexandra Hospital.

**Dr Jonathan wells, Chair of NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG**, assured attendees that NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG were committed to retaining the Alex as a thriving local hospital, and that the exact range of services offered under the two options now needs to be worked up over the coming weeks and shared with local people in the summer.

As well at the Joint Service Review other items on the agenda included a new scheme being launched to ensure local residents have their say on how the CCG spends its £182 million a year budget on local health services.

**Local resident and Governing Body Member, Judith Adams said, Membership scheme/ listening forums**

The new statutory body, which was set up in shadow form early last year, will take full responsibility for commissioning hospital, community and mental health services for local people from 1 April 2013. Members of the public who attended the meeting had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments after each agenda item.

CCG is made up of a partnership of 22 GP practices across Redditch and Bromsgrove with a Governing Body board of local GPs, a Hospital Consultant, a Lead Nurse, a lay member and members of the Senior Management Team.

The next public meeting of NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am-12.30pm BHI Parkside, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0AZ. There will be an opportunity to ask questions relating to the agenda at the meeting.

To access meeting papers or to find out more about NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove visit [www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk](http://www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk)

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