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## New health body holds first public meeting



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

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove (CCG) held its first public Governing Body meeting on Thursday 28th 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. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions about health issues in the area.

**He, said**, "NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG is a new and different health body. We want to behave differently including having meetings that are more open and transparent (less boring!) and more relevant to the needs of local people".

Amongst the items discussed at the first public meeting was the Joint Services 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.

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Dr Wells assured attendees that the CCG is committed to retaining the Alex as a thriving local hospital, and that the exact range of services offered under the two options now need to be worked up over the coming weeks and shared with local people in the summer.

**Wendy Johnson, a member of the Save the Alex campaign group**, who attended the first public meeting, thanked Dr Wells for his fresh approach to chairing a public meeting.

**She said**, “It was great to feel included by the members of the Governing Body and in particular be able to actually ask questions as they occur to you”.

As well as the Joint Service Review, other items discussed included a new scheme being launched to ensure residents are involved and have their say on their local health services.

**Local resident and Governing Body Member, Judith Adams said**, “Now Have your Say’ is a new, free and easy way for local Redditch and Bromsgrove people to understand more about Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG and their local health services. It will give people the opportunity to put forward their ideas to staff who decide which services get commissioned locally and contribute to making things better. There will be three levels of involvement to the ‘Now Have Your Say’ scheme. Level one will be launching during March, and Levels two and three will be launched later in the year for those people who would like more involvement.”

**She added**, “We will also be holding some events in the near future around health issues for patients and public in Bromsgrove and Redditch to help them find out more about their local CCGs and get their voice heard - more details will follow shortly.”

The next public Governing Body 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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## **Notes for Editors**

**Picture caption:** NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG Governing Body members

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG 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.

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