

PRESS RELEASE

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Residents invited to first public Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body meeting

Redditch and Bromsgrove residents will have a chance to see their local Clinical Commissioning Group's work first hand when its Governing Body meetings open to the public this week.

The first Governing Body meeting to be held in public takes place on Thursday 28th February, 09:30am-12:30pm at the Council Chamber, Redditch Town Hall, Walter Stranz Square, Redditch, B98 8AH.

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is set to take over responsibility for planning and buying most of the health services needed by people living in the area from April this year, as part of the Government's NHS reforms.

The body, which was set up in shadow form early last year, is already working alongside NHS Worcestershire in many areas, including negotiating and managing the main local healthcare contracts.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask the CCG Governing Body questions about agenda items, with 30 minutes set aside towards the end of the meeting for questions from the floor.

Items for discussion on the agenda include the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry, the Performance, Finance and Quality Report and the Joint Services Review.

Dr Jonathan Wells, Chair and Clinical Leader of NHS Redditch Clinical Commissioning Group, said:

"Our public meeting is an opportunity for people to come and find out more about us and how we plan to improve the health and wellbeing of people locally. As a CCG we are committed to listening and responding to Redditch and Bromsgrove patients and public, so this meeting gives people the chance to be part of CCG business, with an opportunity to ask questions."

"We hope it will be attended by many people we've already got to know and others we have yet to meet. Anyone with an interest in local health issues will be warmly welcomed."

Members of the public are asked to confirm their attendance by contacting Bethan Flynn at bethan.flynn@worcestershire.nhs.uk or 01527 488746.

The agenda and papers are available to view at www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk

Following February's meeting, the next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th March, 9:30am -12:30pm 2013 at BHI Parkside, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0AZ.

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Notes for Editors

- For more information about NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group please visit www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk
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