

PRESS RELEASE

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Have your say on local acute hospital services

NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are urging members of the public to have their say on local acute hospital services.

The CCG has published a '**Draft Prospectus for Local Acute Hospital Services. 2014/15**', which is available to view on their website www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk. The document has been produced to inform the on-going review of acute hospital services, as part of the '*Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire*' programme.

Dr Jonathan Wells, Chair and Clinical Lead for NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG, said:

"I know from talking to my patients that there is frustration about the time taken to complete the review that people are tiring of the process, and that some feel the decision is a foregone conclusion. However, it is genuinely the case that no decisions have yet been made. It is really important that the public read our prospectus and let us know their views. We are a membership organisation of the 22 Redditch and Bromsgrove practices, with patient engagement at its core. We want to accurately reflect the views of our patients."

Members of the public can give their views about the document via email to rbccg@nhs.net or by letter to the Chief Officer, NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG, Barnsley Court, Barnsley Hall Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0TX. Responses must be received by Friday 25th October 2013.

Mrs Judy Adams, Chair of the CCG's Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum, said: "The CCG is working hard to commission the widest possible range of services at our local hospital. We need people to tell us if they agree with the range of services we are suggesting locally. Are there other things we should think about, for example access and transport? We want people to have their voice and views heard so hope as many as possible will get in touch before the closing date of 25th October 2013."

For more information about the prospectus, please see the information leaflet which has been produced by the Patient and Public Involvement Forum:

<http://www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?allId=33812>

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Notes to Editors

- NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum are seeking the views from members of the public on their draft prospectus for Local Acute Hospital Services 2014/15.
- To read the draft prospectus in full visit:
<http://www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk/news/rbccg-draft-prospectus/>
- *What is the Draft Prospectus for Local Acute Services About?*
The CCG is the NHS commissioner of the majority of hospital services for the people of Redditch and Bromsgrove. These services are provided from a number of hospitals, with most local services provided by Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (WAHT) from the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch. Over the last 18 months, our major local provider, Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust has been reviewing services across its three sites in Redditch, Worcester and Kidderminster. The purpose of this draft prospectus is to give a clear and concise summary of our (Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG) commissioning intentions for those services we commission and to seek your feedback on our proposals.

For more information about the CCG:

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www.redditchandbromsgroveccg.nhs.uk
- 'Like' our page on Facebook www.facebook.com/redditchandbromsgroveccg
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