

## Our CCG one year on...

Hello and welcome to our latest stakeholder newsletter. We are fast heading towards our first anniversary as a fully authorised Clinical Commissioning Group.

Since we went live on April 1, 2013, one of our biggest priorities has been to try to involve all of you in helping to shape our policies and forward planning for health services across Portsmouth, and you can read more of that below in our new Healthy Discussions programme.

Our city-wide Patients Participation Forum, another way we seek to involve patients and keep you informed, also goes from strength-to-strength and I am delighted that our efforts to engage with you were recognised nationally by the top community award to our clinical leader Jim Hogan.

We hope this newsletter gives you an interesting flavour of just some of the work we are involved in but of course we are always putting latest developments on our website [www.portsmouthccg.nhs.uk](http://www.portsmouthccg.nhs.uk)

On behalf of our Governing Board, thank you once again for all your on-going support.

Dr Tim Wilkinson, Chair of the Governing Board



## 'Pause' to Care.data programme

NHS England has announced a six month 'pause' to the rollout of the national care.data programme which was scheduled to start next month.

It says the 'pause' will enable more time to make you aware of the programme including its benefits, the safeguards in place to secure patient data and information on how people can opt-out.

It is now planned that, from this autumn, data from GP practices will be combined with information from hospitals and other care providers.

For more information, click [here](#)



## Jim scoops top national award

Chief Clinical Officer Dr Jim Hogan was named as the country's community leader of the year in the NHS Leadership Academy recognition awards 2014, having previously won the regional award.

His nomination stated that he "truly believes in clinically-led commissioning and that it can make a positive difference to patients' lives."

Dr Hogan admitted to being shocked, delighted and slightly embarrassed to win the award, which follows less than two years after Portsmouth was named the first winner of the NHS Alliance CCG of the Year.

He is pictured with Debbie Sorkin, Chief Executive of the National Skills Academy for Social Care, who announced the award and was a judge.

For the full story, click [here](#)

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## The St James' and St Mary's sites

The local NHS is reviewing the future of two major healthcare centres just 1.2 miles apart in Milton.

NHS partners, including our CCG, are considering options for the short and longer term futures of both the St Mary's Community Health Campus and St James' Hospital sites.

No decisions have been taken yet, and we are fully committed to engaging with you about future proposals for the sites.

Click [here](#) for the top ten questions/answers which may help explain the reasons for the current discussions.

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## Healthy Discussions programme

Thank you - we have been very encouraged by the early interest in our new Healthy Discussions programme, which gives you as patients the chance to comment on a range of NHS related issues to help inform our decision-making.

Our CCG is looking for people we can contact from time to time to give us their views on health issues in the city.

This could be your views in general or on specific subjects such as services for the frail elderly or maternity services. Most of the contact is likely to be via email.

Thank you to all those who have already signed up to participate.

For details, and to download the forms, please click [here](#)

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## Our five-year strategic plan

We are currently working on our five-year strategic plan – and would welcome your views.

Director of Quality and Commissioning Suzannah Rosenberg said: “There is lots of guidance about what needs to be included in this plan, but fundamentally we must set out our priorities for the next five years and what we intend to do to achieve them.

“We are consulting with stakeholders, patients, carers and the public and would really like to know what you think.”

To find out more, click [here](#)

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## Missed GP appointments

Patients at Portsmouth’s 25 GP practices are failing to turn up for 1,000 pre-booked GP appointments a month, a survey has showed.

The figures include patients who fail to show up after booking a same-day ‘urgent’ appointment.

Paul Cox, the CCG’s senior practice manager representative, told a public meeting: “The high number of patients who DNA (do not attend) is staggering and a tremendous waste of resources for the local NHS.”

To read our full story, click [here](#)

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## £250,000 to not-for-profit organisations

Charities and not-for-profit organisations will benefit from a near quarter of a million pounds funding from the CCG.

We have agreed to make grants totalling nearly £250,000 to 15 organisations whose 17 bids for funding demonstrated a significant contribution to our health strategy.

Chief Clinical Officer Dr Jim Hogan said: “The money will be used to help improve the lives and health of a significant number of people across many walks of life.”

For details, click [here](#)

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## NHS 111

If you don't need emergency treatment, there are many choices available to you across Portsmouth.

NHS 111 is working well locally. Please call it if you have an urgent care need but it's not serious enough for an ambulance or to go to the Emergency Department at QA.

To find out more, click [here](#)

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## Our next Board meeting in public

We are holding our next governing Board meeting in public from 1pm to 3pm at St James' Hospital this Wednesday (26 March), when we will review our first year as a CCG.

At 3.15pm, we will again follow this with our usual 45-minute questions and answer session at which you can ask our GPs about anything relating to our aims, objectives, priorities and work planning health services.

You can come and ask questions on the day or email in advance [enquiries@portsmouthccg.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@portsmouthccg.nhs.uk)

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## Patients' Participation Group Forum

Our City-Wide Patients' Participation Group (PPG) Forum appears to be going from strength-to-strength.

Some 35 delegates, the highest figure yet, attended the third meeting so far of a series of quarterly sessions which aim to bring together representatives from the individual member practice PPGs.

The last business meeting followed a tour of facilities at St Mary's Community Health Campus. We are in the process of developing a PPG Forum page on our website.

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## Our two latest Board appointments

We have welcomed two new members to our governing board since our last newsletter – Dr Janet Maxwell, who is the city council's new Director of Public Health; and Andy Silvester (pictured), who has become our third lay member.

Dr Maxwell has written a blog for us in which she highlights the importance of having more regard for our environment as well as our health. You can read it [here](#)

To see the Who's Who of our full governing board, click [here](#) and then visit the downloads section.

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## Dementia advisors

A new part CCG-funded information service is being launched by Alzheimer's Society in Portsmouth on April 1.

Five dementia advisors will help people understand more about their condition and signpost them to local services

For more information, click [here](#)

