

Health and Care Services for the Forest of Dean

What is Planned?

To develop a plan for delivering high quality and affordable community health and social care services to the people of the Forest of Dean which meet their needs now and in the future, and is developed with patients, the public and our key partners. The review will encompass all community services in the Forest of Dean including those within the community hospitals.

Why Change?

- People are living longer (success story!) and needing more health and care input than ever before
- More people living with complex illnesses, long term conditions and disabilities
- Significant advances in treatment of illness and injury
- Increasing demand for services and public expectations
- Services and support need to be 'affordable'

Why Change?

To answer the challenge we need to:

- Ensure more joined up services to support people who need health and social care
- Make the best use of resources (people, money, places)
- Support people and communities to stay healthy and to look after each other

What is Planned?

- Look at what we do now
- Listen to local people
- Think about opportunities for change using best practice, good ideas and evidence
- Understand our constraints together
- Develop options
- Consult
- Implement

Forest of Dean Locality Reference Group

Established by the CCG in September 2015, the group aims:

- To maximise local engagement in decisions about healthcare services for the people of the Forest of Dean Locality.
- To increase community awareness and influence; developing local support for initiatives and changes to healthcare delivery.

Membership

- Locality Community Hospital Leagues of Friends
- Great Oaks Forest Hospice
- Forest of Dean Health Forum
- Forest Voluntary Action Forum
- Practice Participation Groups
- Healthwatch Gloucestershire
- Carers Gloucestershire
- Crossroads Care Forest of Dean
- Forest Sensory Services
- Gloucestershire Care Providers Association
- Lay Representative, Forest of Dean GCCG Locality Executive
- Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Forest of Dean District Council: Cabinet Member for Housing & Wellbeing
- Forest of Dean District Council: Cabinet Member for Community
- Community Engagement Manager, Forest of Dean District Council
- Forest Engagement Officer, Gloucestershire County Council

Working with local people to develop options

- Options to cover community health and care services in the Forest of Dean
- Opportunity to consider primary care and how community services link to acute services
- Opportunity to think about how we develop communities and local voluntary and community sector organisations as part of these options
- Opportunity to influence 'wider determinants of health' and wellbeing such as housing, leisure facilities, employment opportunities

For discussion

- What is particularly good about your local health & care services?
- What could we do better?
- Thinking about what you, your family and local community, what do you need:
 - To keep you well at home?
 - From services in your community?
 - From specialist hospital services?
- What opportunities exist to work more closely with the voluntary sector/community organisations?