



News Update
December 10 – January 11

‘Keeping you informed on health and social care issues’

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“Seasons Greetings from all at Cumbria LINK & Cumbria Action for Health”



Closure of Ravensfield Care Home

Cumbria LINK is disappointed with the decision taken by Cumbria County Council’s Cabinet to permanently close Ravensfield Residential Care Home.

Our report was ‘taken into account’ at the cabinet meeting on 11th November together with reports from Advocacy Experience and Allerdale Borough Council. All reports

considered by the Cabinet reflected the findings of our own report.

Cumbria LINK remains concerned that some serious issues need to be answered and addressed to enable the future support of those requiring care in later life in the Keswick area:

- Access to facilities for respite care; as more people take on the role of carers for family members. It is vital that respite is readily available to support them to fulfil their role and to recognise and value them
- Access to safe provision for people with dementia; as the population ages it is likely that more people will suffer from dementia in the future
- Extra Care housing was proposed as an alternative solution to Ravensfield, we are aware of none in the Keswick area and would hope that there are moves to develop this immediately
- That domiciliary care is developed and it is of a high standard, consistent, dependable, person centred and focuses on dignity, choice and respect.

We will be raising our ongoing concerns with Cumbria County Council and we will monitor the developments and services provided in the Keswick area.

Cumbria LINK would like to thank all the residents and interested individuals who contacted us or attended our event in Keswick in September 2010 to share views and experiences.

North Cumbria Breast Screening

Earlier in the year Cumbria LINK started keeping a watchful eye on the suspended breast screening programme and the action that the Acute Trust was taking to reinstate it. In July this year we requested a meeting with the Acute Trust following which we identified a number of issues that concerned



us. The replies to our questions only partially covered our concerns and until very recently we had still not received a full complement of answers. In October we escalated our questions to the strategic health authority. The open and useful answer we received coincided with a report published jointly by the Hospital Chief Executive and the Director of Public Health. This report had many of the answers to the questions we had originally posed and an extract of it is given below.

“A review of breast imaging carried out at North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust had identified 16 cases of breast cancer. There is evidence that consultant radiologists at North Cumbria University Hospital Trust failed to follow current best practice. Six women have still to be reassessed.

In Cumbria, breast screening is provided by North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust, for North Cumbria and by University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust for South Cumbria.

For some women the mammogram identifies abnormalities which require further investigation and they are invited for further tests at assessment centres run by the screening programme’s multidisciplinary teams. Further investigations may include another mammogram, clinical breast examination, ultrasound and biopsy.”

We were very concerned about how the situation took place and what would be put in place to ensure this would not happen again. Most significantly for us the report states in section 3.8,

“During the investigation into this incident, North Cumbria University Hospitals Trust have begun a comprehensive review of their internal governance arrangements in order to identify the underlying factors that led to this incident and put in place safeguards to ensure similar issues do not arise again.”

We have now been asked to make a contribution to the terms of reference of the review to ensure that this situation does not arise again in any of the clinical areas that the hospital provides for us.

To view the full report please visit:
<http://www.cumbria.nhs.uk/YourHealth/Cancer/NorthCumbriaBreastScreeningReport.pdf>

Listening to Communities Project

Cumbria LINK is pleased to report that the on-line data base for people to record issues on health and care services is now live. If you have any views either good or bad on health and care services in Cumbria please visit our website and have your say www.cumbrialink.org.uk/haveyoursay/. We want to know what works well for you and also what could be done better.

Cumbria LINK is working in partnership with Cumbria Mental Health Group, Howgill Family Centre, Cumbria Youth Alliance, Barnardos and Cumbria CVS to encourage as many people as possible to tell us what they think about the services they use.

Cumbria LINK will not be able to respond or act on every comment they receive but where a number of people report the same problems, Cumbria LINK will investigate further and let you know what happens. You will need to leave your contact details if you want to be kept informed.

Cumbria LINK can influence change but it’s your views that will make that happen. Please use this opportunity to talk to us about your experiences.

A paper version of the response form is available by contact Cumbria LINK on 01228 512513.



Eden Locality Board Representative

Cumbria LINK Governing Body invites expressions of interest from members to become the LINK representative on the Eden Locality Board. This is a key role for Cumbria LINK and an opportunity to represent the views of the residents of the Eden Valley in commissioning, planning and delivery of NHS services.

The purpose of the Locality Board is to oversee the commissioning activity and direct service provision within the locality ensuring each are aligned with NHS Cumbria Strategic and financial planning ensuring all services, either commissioned or provided in the locality, are safe, high quality, cost effective and meet the needs of the local population.

Services must be commissioned across care pathways, be clinically integrated, promote effective partnerships and, patient and public involvement.

Further information about the role of the Board (including Terms of Reference) is available online:
<http://www.cumbria.nhs.uk/YourLocality/Eden/Meetings/Home.aspx>

For further information please contact the LINK team on 01228 512513.

Local News and Events

Writing is Good for Mental Wellbeing

People with mental health problems have been discovering the therapeutic benefits of writing at a weekly writing group.

The group, for inpatients with acute mental health problems, is part of Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's Year of Writing which aims to promote the positive effect that writing can have on mental wellbeing.

Feedback from the group shows that 75% of participants felt more positive by the end of the writing session. One service user, who was introduced to writing while an inpatient continues to regularly write a journal and has written an article about her recovery in the hope of encouraging other service users to be more positive about their own recovery.

In addition to the inpatient group, service users, carers and staff have attended other workshops across Cumbria aimed at improving wellbeing through creative writing. One participant said "I forgot about everything else around me and didn't feel stressed or anxious. I felt calm and I feel calm still. Any negative emotions I was feeling slipped away. I found this powerful."

It's not just service users that are benefitting from the project. Staff have been learning about how writing for reflective practice can help them consider what they have done well, what they could do better and how they can improve the way they provide care.

For more information about the Year of Writing contact Carol Ross, Project Lead on 01228 603148 or email: writing.year@cumbria.nhs.uk

New centre of excellence at Barrow-in-Furness

Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust are investing £6.5 million into transforming mental health care facilities at the existing Dane Garth site at Furness General Hospital.

Phase one of the project will start in January 2011 to develop a new in-patient facility for adults experiencing acute mental illness. The new acute unit will replace the old style 20 bedded dormitory ward with 20 single en suite rooms, in an environment designed to help recovery and eradicate the traditional image of in-patient services.



Phase two of the development will provide a state of the art dementia assessment unit. The existing unit will move from Gill Rise in Ulverston to the Dane Garth site, allowing both services to share high quality facilities and specialist staff. This will also improve the ability of the unit to cope with complex and challenging behaviour, limiting the need for patients to travel to Carlisle or further afield.

For more information contact the North West Mental Health Improvement Programme on 0161 6257456 or email: mhipnews@northwest.nhs.uk

The Northern Burn Care Network

The Northern Burn Care Network (NBCN) was created in 2008, in response to the National Burn Care Review (2001) and is one of four Networks across England. The review identified clinical networks as the organisational model, or way of working, to drive change and improve burn care services for populations in specific areas.

The Burn Care Review (2001) established Burns Networks as an organisational model that would bring about change and address the burns agenda. Burns Networks bring together providers (organisations that provide services) and commissioners (organisations that plan, purchase and monitor services), to work collaboratively as a system, to plan and deliver high quality burns services.

The aim of this is to:

- Improve the quality of treatment and care provided to burns injured patients
- Improve access to appropriate high quality services
- Improve outcomes
- Improve patient experience

To achieve the above aims the NBCN is responsible for:

- Redesign and Service Development
- Pathway/operational protocols

- Review

NBCN produce a regular newsletter to keep people informed of what the network is doing and to share good practice and success stories from each of the constituent burn care services. To view the latest newsletter visit: <http://www.nbcn.nhs.uk/newsletters.htm>

Listening to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People

Adult and Local Services, Cumbria County Council are asking for your views on accessing services and what you find makes this a good experience. They are doing this to help them understand more about the lives and concerns of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (transsexual) and will use the information in Cumbria to help them:

- Improve their services
- Understand your needs and priorities
- Effectively respond to these

They would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire to help them achieve their three aims. Taking part is optional and you don't have to answer all of the questions if you don't want to.

To complete the survey please visit: <https://secure1.cumbria.gov.uk/surveys/cumbria/lgbt2010.htm>

If you would like to discuss this questionnaire in more detail, obtain a paper version or in another language or format, please contact Susan Renucci on 01228 221455 or email susan.renucci@cumbriacc.gov.uk.



50+ Forums

Do you agree that older people's voices should be better heard. New 50+ Forums are developing in Cumbria, to be independent groups, having been initially facilitated by local charity Signposts and supported by Cumbria County Council. Forums are looking for people to take on roles and keep things moving.

Open to all interested members of the public, the forums provide the opportunity to discuss issues relevant to people over 50, including:

- issues about social care and services to support independence
- issues for carers within their family
- local concerns and consultations

To find out more about Forums taking place in your local area please contact Signposts on 01524 419021 or email: Kathryn.haigh@signposts.org.uk.

Radioactive Waste and West Cumbria

The Government is currently searching for a home for the UK's higher activity Radioactive waste. West Cumbria is talking to the Government about potentially being the home to such a facility, but it is still very early stages.

The West Cumbria MRWS Partnership has been created to help Allerdale Borough, Copeland Borough and Cumbria County Councils decide whether to continue talking to the Government about this.

The Partnership had asked Cumbria CVS to hold facilitated discussions with a cross section of Third Sector (Voluntary and Community Groups). The meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th January between 10am and 12pm (venue to be confirmed). For more information please contact Helen Conway on 01900 819191.

New Community First Responder Team in Dalton

South Lakes Search & Rescue and North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) launched the Dalton Community First Responder Team on 17th October 2010. The team will provide life saving help to patients in the Dalton and Newton area.

In many rural areas the ambulance service uses local volunteers, known as Community First Responders, to get to patients quickly and provide life saving help prior to the arrival of an ambulance. South Lakes Search & Rescue has worked hand in hand with NWAS to launch the Dalton Community First Responders Team who will be called upon by NWAS to attend certain emergency calls.

Dalton Community First Responders is a team of volunteers who live and work in the local community. They have been trained by NWAS to attend certain calls where time can make the difference between life and death. Such call would include Chest Pain, Breathing Difficulties, Cardiac Arrest, Unconsciousness, Fitting, Arrest of Haemorrhage and Diabetic Emergencies. The team will provide care and support to the patient and relatives until the arrival of the emergency ambulance.

The team has been provided with valuable support from many areas, including Dalton with Newton Council, Barrow in Furness Council, Kimberley Clarke, Diamond, Lowe Alpine, Furness Building Society and many more whose generous support has helped in ensuring this valuable service became a reality.



Cumbria County Council's Adult Social Care News:

New Reablement Service from Adult Social Care

The new Reablement Service from Adult Social Care has started in South Lakeland.

The six month test phase runs in South Lakeland from 1st December 2010 before a county wide roll out in 2011. The Reablement Service will be initially available in the Grange-over-Sands, Arnside and Milnthorpe areas before being extended to the rest of South Lakeland in 2011.

Reablement is a new service which aims to help people regain their independence following an illness, injury, disability or loss of personal support network. It is a free service and is provided for a short period of time, usually no longer than six weeks.

Reablement is not a long term service and does not provide personal care to people who need someone to do things for them. Reablement is about helping people develop or regain the skills and confidence to do things for themselves.

Reablement is for people:

- aged 18 or over and living in Cumbria;
- who are capable of and would benefit from reablement; and
- who live in their own home or would be able to live in the community with some support.

Carers may also be able to have reablement to help them continue to look after someone.

Reablement is not for people who:

- are already receiving a personal care service from Adult Social Care;
- have had reablement from Adult Social Care in the past;
- are in an acute or community hospital bed or receiving NHS 'step up step

down' care or a Short Term Intervention (STINT) service; or

- are not prepared to engage with reablement.

For more information on reablement, see the Adult Social Care website:

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/adultsocialcare/reablement>

New Directory of Services from Adult Social Care

The new edition of our directory of services is now available. The new directory is much broader in scope than previous editions to support the prevention agenda and personal budgets. Previous directories focused on traditional social care services for those most in need. The new directory aims to include more universal services such as leisure and arts, learning, volunteering and employment.

For this edition we are producing six versions for the six districts of Cumbria. Electronic copies are available for download from our website at:

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/adultsocialcare/information/directory.asp>.

Printed copies of local versions are available from Customer Services at local Adult Social Care offices. If you need a printed set of all six, please contact Peter Knock, Public Information Manager on 01539 713379 or email: peter.knock@cumbriacc.gov.uk.

Inevitably with printed directories, there will be errors and omissions. If you are aware of any, please let Peter Knock know.

Work on an online directory of service is underway. The council's website also has a 'find my nearest' which is being extended to include more community services at: <http://maps.cumbria.gov.uk/>.



NHS Cumbria News

New health partnership for Cumbria

Plans to join community health services in Cumbria with the county's Partnership NHS Foundation Trust have passed an important hurdle. NHS North West and the Department of Health have approved an outline business case for the transfer of district nursing, physiotherapy, health visiting and other community health services from NHS Cumbria to Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, by April 2011.

The decision to join the two county-wide staff groups follows an announcement made by the government in July that all primary care trusts are to be disbanded by 2013. As a result, any services currently directly provided to patients by primary care trusts need to be transferred to a different organisation.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/39u8vvr>

Big drop in Cumbria hospital admissions

Cumbria has seen a dramatic fall in the number of people who have to be urgently admitted to hospital, latest figures have revealed. Cumbria's figures buck a regional trend which has seen urgent admissions increase in almost every other part of the North West over the same period.

Around 800 fewer people were admitted to the county's hospitals for urgent care between April and June this year (2010) when compared with the same period two years ago (2008). The six per cent fall coincides with a big effort in recent years to treat more people closer to home and invest in services which help prevent people from reaching a point where they have to go into hospital.

Urgent admissions now account for more than a third of all hospital stay nationally and cost the NHS £11 billion each year.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/33lldxe>

Cumbria's GPs save millions on drugs

The NHS in Cumbria is reinvesting millions of pounds each year in frontline health services thanks to more efficient prescribing of medicines by the county's GPs. The amount spent on drugs per person in Cumbria is the lowest in the North West and below the national average.

A relentless focus in recent years on getting better value for money means GPs in the county now make more use of cheaper, non-brand versions of the most common prescription drugs, without harming care. This year, family doctors expect to reduce the county's drugs bill by a further £2.5 million.

Around 10 million items of medicine are dispensed in Cumbria each year, costing the local NHS more than £80million.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/2vya8l2>

Four new dental surgeries open for business

New dental surgeries have been opened in Carlisle, Millom, Barrow and Keswick as part of over £1.5 million investment in dental services over the next two years. They make 22,500 new NHS dental places which have been funded in Cumbria this year and are expected to be provided over the next few years.



Around the Localities

North and East Cumbria

Former patient renames ward at Penrith Community Hospital

A former patient renamed the ward at Penrith Community Hospital after winning a competition to choose the name. The former Jubilee Ward at Penrith Community Hospital will be renamed the Eden Unit, after it was picked as the winning entry. The judges felt the name best reflected the ward's function serving the whole community across Eden.

In memory of the old Jubilee Hospital which existed before the current Penrith Community Hospital, the ward's day room has also been renamed the Jubilee Day Room, to commemorate the hospital's history, photos and historical information are being collected to create a memory board, which will also be displayed in the day room.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/3xkwfdo>

Your local lead for Public Engagement in Eden and Carlisle is Anna Scamans. Anna can be reached on 0778 551 8520 or anna.scamans@cumbriapct.nhs.uk.

South Cumbria

Barrow scheme helps people stay healthy and get work

Both NHS Cumbria's Furness Locality and Jobcentre Plus are working together to deliver the Pathways Advisory Service (PAS) which started in January 2009.

The PAS pilot scheme aims to support people with health problems by providing an advisor who can support them to cope with

their health problems, signpost them to appropriate help in other areas of their life and help them gain employment or stay in employment as a result. In total 248 people have accessed the PAS service so far, the pilot is expected to run until the end of March 2011.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/2cl35xx>

Your local lead for Public Engagement in Furness and South Lakeland is Jayne Thorp. Jayne can be reached on 07796 993 802 or jayne.thorp@cumbriapct.nhs.uk

West Cumbria

Workington health and social care team win brace of national awards

Community nurses, GPs, social care workers and other health staff in Workington have scooped two prestigious national awards. The town's community NHS and care services beat off stiff competition to win top honours in the NHS Health and Social Care Awards.

The awards, which have been in existence for nine years, highlight and celebrate innovation and excellence across health and social care and encourage people across organisations and different professions to work together.

At the awards ceremony, Workington's community health team came up trumps in the Sustainable Health and Primary Care & Community Based Integration categories.

Cockermouth health and social care workers rewarded nationally for pulling together

NHS Cumbria's health team in Cockermouth has won a national award for its work bringing together health and social care



teams alongside GPs. The group won the 'Best Integrated Care Model' category of the National Association Primary Care (NAPC) Vision Awards for services in Cockermouth.

In Cockermouth, services have been designed to make sure that a team of 45 people including; community nurses, community hospital nurses, therapists, social care teams and GPs all work together to support people in the town to stay well and independent for as long as possible.

West Cumbria Respiratory Nurse wins British Lung Foundation Honour

A Specialist Respiratory Nurse from West Cumbria has been awarded a regional award for her dedication to helping people with lung conditions. Karen Hammond, a member of NHS Cumbria's West Cumbria Respiratory Team, was presented with a North West British Lung Foundation Breath of Fresh Air Award, in the nurse category for her commitment and dedication to respiratory services, on Tuesday 26th October at a British Lung Foundation network event on Kendal.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/39u8vvr>

Local MP rewards West Cumbrian Stroke Group

Jamie Reed MP has presented certificates to a group of people who've been learning new IT skills as part of their rehabilitation after suffering a stroke. The Speech After Stroke Group in Cleator Moor were presented with certificates by the Copeland MP at the Phoenix Centre in the town after finishing an IT course on 5th November. The group supports people in West Cumbria who have communication problems after suffering from a stroke. It contains members aged from 30 to 80 years old and sessions are run across the West of Cumbria from Millom to Maryport. All funds

for the group are either gathered through fundraising or donations.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/39u8vvr>

New Rehab Centre in Maryport hopes to keep patients mobile

A new Rehab Centre has begun seeing patients at Maryport Community Hospital. The new centre provides an out-patient rehabilitation service closer to home for patients in and around Maryport. The service helps patients who need rehabilitation, such as those at risk of falls, or recovering from illness or injury, to build their mobility, strength and independence and avoid them being admitted to hospital.

Patients are assessed by the rehabilitation staff and treatment programmes are set to help them reach their goals. These might be anything from walking with a stick instead of a zimmer frame, being able to make lunch independently, being able to climb stairs or make a phone call independently.

A variety of lively activities will be on offer including gentle exercise classes, computer activities, out door mobility practise, cookery groups and occasional outside speakers.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/39u8vvr>

Flood-hit town's GP up for national award

A Cockermouth GP has been shortlisted for a prestigious NHS award for his role in helping people recover from the affects of the 2009 Cumbria floods, and leading improvements to community health services. Dr John Howarth is one of three finalists from hundreds of nominations for this year's national leadership awards newcomer category. The awards are open to more than one million NHS employees. The



winner will be announced in London on 8 December.

Described as a once in a thousand year event, the floods of November 2009 destroyed two GP surgeries in Cockermouth serving 15,000 patients, and displaced hundreds of people from their homes. In the immediate aftermath, Dr Howarth pulled together primary care services in Cockermouth to provide a seamless service for shocked residents.

More: <http://tinyurl.com/33lldxe>

Your local lead for Public Engagement in Allerdale and Copeland is Christine Harrison. Christine can be reached on 0778 557 8574 or christine.harrison@cumbriapct.nhs.uk

National Health and Wellbeing News

Help Improve 'End of Life' Care, Education and Training

The University of Central Lancashire are running this project on behalf of the North West Strategic Health Authority. They would like to hear real stories and views from patients, families and carers who have experience of 'end of life' care. This is a chance to help professionals learn from your experiences and improve care for the future.

If you have been given a life threatening or terminal diagnosis, have experience of planning for care or being with a family member or friend at the end of their life, they would like to hear from you.

Patients, family and carers can:

- Join an informal discussion group
- Take part in a telephone interview
- Complete a postal questionnaire
- Or complete an online questionnaire



If you would like to take part in this study or require more information please contact Dr. Terri O'Brien on 01772 892730 or email: taobrien@uclan.ac.uk

Health Care and the Big Society

In the context of far-reaching NHS reforms, how does the government's Big Society vision support the users and providers of health and social care?

In the first of a new series of events at The King's Fund on the Big Society and health, speakers focused on community empowerment, localism, the role of the third sector and mutualism in health care. Watch the speaker's presentations at: [Health care and the Big Society](#).

Social Care and the Spending Review: Know your place

As the dust settles after the Spending Review, the coalition government's determination to shift power away from central government is becoming clearer.

Citizens, communities and independent organisations will need to take on more responsibility. To find out more, visit: [Social care and the Spending Review: know your place](#)

Impact of the NHS White Paper; what do doctor's really think?

Doctors are set to take on a pivotal new role in the NHS. The King's Fund and Doctors.net.uk have commissioned a survey to find out how they feel about the plans set out in the White Paper. The survey questioned 500 GPs and 500 hospital doctors shortly after the consultation on the White Paper closed.

The survey underlines the challenges facing the government in convincing doctors that the proposed reforms will improve the quality of care. It also reflects concerns that reforms may distract the NHS from the urgent task of improving productivity, with more than 40 per cent of respondents believing that GP commissioning will make it more difficult to tackle health inequalities.

To read the full report of the findings, visit: [Impact of the NHS White Paper: what do doctors really think?](#)

Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF)

The new qualifications and Credit Framework for adult social care is launched on the 1st January 2011. This is when all vocational qualifications in the sector will be replaced, including NVQ's.

The new qualifications will include awards, certificates and diplomas; all available at different levels.

There will be qualifications in:

- activities
- assisting and moving
- Commissioning Procurement and Contracting for Care Services
- dementia
- employment responsibilities and rights
- health and social care diploma level 2 and 3
- learning disability
- preparing to work in adult social care

Visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qcf for more information on the new qualifications and to download the units.

Case studies are available which show how the new qualifications will work in practice. Visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk/qcf to download them or for hard copies contact Catherine.wilson@skillsforcare.org.uk.

Department of Health Consultations

The department of health currently have a number of live consultations which may be of interest. Please see details below or for more information please visit: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/index.htm>

Consultation on Cancer Drugs Fund

The Department of Health is consulting on proposals for establishment of the fund. The consultation sets out the context and case for change, the objectives for the Fund, the implications these have for the structure of the Fund and invites views on how they can ensure that the Fund delivers its objectives as well as possible.

The consultation will close on 19th January 2011.

An Information Revolution: a consultation on proposals

An Information Revolution is one of a series of documents for consultation published subsequent to the White Paper Equality and Excellence: Liberating the NHS. It is part of the Government's agenda to create a revolution for patients – “putting patients first” – giving people more information and control and greater choice about their care. The information revolution is about transforming the way information is accessed, collected, analysed and used so that people are at the heart of health and adult social care service.

The consultation will close on 14th January 2011.

Liberating the NHS: Greater choice and control. A consultation on proposals

The Government's White Paper, Equality and Excellence: liberating the NHS sets out proposals which envisage a presumption of greater choice and control over care and



treatment, choice of treatment and healthcare provider becoming the reality in the vast majority of NHS-funded services by no later than 2013/14.

The consultation explains the proposals in more details and seeks the views of patients, the wider public, healthcare professionals and the NHS.

The consultation will close on 14th January 2011

The NHS Constitution and Whistleblowing – A paper for consultation

This consultation document seeks views on proposals amending NHS Constitution to:

- Insert an explanation that NHS staff will raise concerns about safety, malpractice or wrong doing at work which may affect patients, the public, other staff or the organisation itself as early as possible;
- Insert a NHS pledge to support all staff in raising concerns about safety, malpractice or wrong doing at work, responding to and where necessary investigating the concerns raised; and
- Highlight in the NHS Constitution the existing staff legal right to raise concerns about safety, malpractice or other wrongdoing without suffering any detriment.

The consultation will close on 11th January 2011.

A Consultation on proposals – Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care

This consultation seeks views on a new proposed strategy for transparency, quality and outcomes in adult social care. It sets out an enabling framework which aims to empower councils, local people and the wider social care sector to take new leadership roles. It provides a support to the critical link between adult social care and other local partners, such as the NHS, as well as demonstrating social care's important contribution to the Government's new Transparency Framework.

The consultation will close on 9th February 2011.

Healthy Lives, Healthy People

The NHS White Paper, 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People', sets out the Government's long-term vision for the future public health in England. It aims to create a wellness service, Public Health England and to strengthen both national and local leadership.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publichealth/Healthyliveshealthypeople/index.htm>

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