



In this edition of my Chair's Report, I talk about Breast Screening, Community Pharmacy and the Adult Social Care Survey. I would welcome Board Members to comment on any item covered should they wish to do so.

*Best wishes,
Cllr Maureen Worby, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board*

Breast Screening Information Update

As you may know, a breast screening campaign is currently underway. This is extremely important for Barking and Dagenham as our cancer screening rates remain lower than London and England:

- National target: 70%
- England: 72.5%
- London: 65.1%
- Barking and Dagenham: 62.6%

People eligible for the screening are women aged 50 to 70, who receive an invitation letter every 3 years explaining the programme and the benefits and risks of breast screening. Those over the age of 70 stop receiving screening invitations, however they are still eligible for screening and can arrange an appointment by contacting the local screening unit. A research trial is assessing the benefits and risks of screening younger (47-49 yrs) and older (71-73 yrs) women. About half the women in each of these age groups in each area are being invited for screening. Women 47-49 or over 70 can contact the screening service and ask to be screened while screening is happening in the area.

Women in Barking and Dagenham are being offered screening at a selection of locations to encourage people to take up the screening offer. The locations are:

- Westland Medical Centre, Hornchurch
- King George Hospital
- Barking (Mobile unit parked on Axe Street)
- Harold Wood Polyclinic

Women can contact the administration centre on 0203 758 2024 or by email at Rf-tr.londonbreastscreeninghub@nhs.net to ask to go to a different site if they wish.

We all know it's not easy to get high screening figures, which is why there are resources available to support GP Practices. These are provided by the Cancer Research UK Facilitator or one of the Macmillan GPs working in Barking and Dagenham:

- CRUK Facilitator—jane.burt@cancer.org.uk Tel: 07919293797
- Macmillan GPs—Dr Kanika Rai, Dr Amit Sharma

Primary Care and Community Pharmacy 2017

Due to diligent work over the last 2 years, forging good working relationships with our partners in primary care and community pharmacies, we are developing and delivering a range of public health programmes. The focus is to inform local people on how to prevent ill health and support those with life-long conditions.

Our GP practices are keen to support these programmes and are working with us to develop better and more effective ways to prevent and support people in improving their health. These include:

- NHS health checks
- Stop Smoking and HIV testing campaigns
- Emergency and planned contraception services

Along with our partners in community pharmacies, we are developing new models for providing health services, including greater holistic care and lifestyle choices, support in self-management of life-long conditions and other services that would have previously only been offered within GP practices.

The challenge now is to harness and channel the willingness to transform, support and improve health and social care in Barking and Dagenham.

Adult Social Care Survey 2017

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham will be carrying out a survey to find out whether services received by local people from Adult Social Care are supporting them and how services are helping them improve the quality of their lives.

This survey is sent to a random selection of service users, so not everyone receiving services will receive the questionnaire, and all responses are treated in confidence with no service users able to be personally identified from their replies.

The results will help to shape and improve local services and be used to understand how well the services are being delivered as well as helping to identify whether safeguarding and preventative services are working.

The survey is being carried out from Monday 19th January 2015 to 13th March 2015, so if anyone contacts you about it, please ask them to call 020 8227 5602.

News from NHS England

NHS England review of 2016

NHS England has produced a review of 2016, looking back at a few of the highlights of their work over the last twelve months. The review is available at the following address: https://www.england.nhs.uk/2017/01/2016-review/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NHSCBoard+%28NHS+England%29

Allied Health Professions join forces to help shape future healthcare

England's 145,000 Allied Health Professionals will be encouraged to innovate and lead within the NHS and wider care system under a new shared commitment published by NHS England. 'Allied Health Professions into Action' has brought together the views of the third largest workforce in the health and care system, including chiropodists, dieticians, orthoptists, paramedics, physiotherapists, art therapists and speech and language therapists. It sets out how the 12 Allied Health Professional groups across England can be at the forefront of innovative changes to patient care and shape future health policy by having a full involvement in transformation plans being developed across the country.

The new guidance aims to provide a blueprint for Clinical Commissioning Groups, provider organisations, health leaders and local authorities to fully utilise and involve Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in transformation programmes and the delivery of NHS England's Five Year Forward View. It offers 53 examples of AHPs working to drive and support change by working innovatively, and a framework to help utilise AHPs in the development and delivery of transformation planning.

'Allied Health Professions into Action' also commits to establish a national programme board to oversee and support delivery. This group will establish monitoring systems and measure success in partnership with a range of agencies including the AHP professional bodies, NHS Improvement, NHS Digital, Health Education England, and Public Health England.

Allied Health Professions into Action is available here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ahp-action-transform-hlth.pdf>

Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting Dates

Tuesday 14 March 2017, Tuesday 9 May 2017, Tuesday 4 July 2017, Tuesday 5 September 2017, Tuesday 7 November 2017, Tuesday 16 January 2018.

All meetings start at 6pm and are held in the conference room of the Barking Learning Centre.