

NEWS

North East Hampshire and Farnham
Clinical Commissioning Group

From North East Hampshire and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group

From The Chair

I am delighted to be introducing the first edition of the North East Hampshire & Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) newsletter. This newsletter will be published every other month and it is intended to keep you informed in the work of the CCG and also advise you on how you can get involved with the CCG.

I am sure you will have seen plenty of coverage in the news about the changes to the NHS and how it should be run in the future. I thought I would start this newsletter with a short paragraph explaining why the Clinical Commissioning Group has been formed.

The Health and Social Care Act sets out the future plans for NHS services by moving decisions about the planning of health services as close to the patient as possible. This Act means that by April 2013, your local

doctors will be part of new Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and they will be accountable to you, their local community, and the NHS Commissioning Board for how money is spent on healthcare in your area.

Our CCG covers the areas of Hart, Rushmoor and Farnham and has 216,000 registered patients with a varied population and range of health needs – you can find out more about our CCG in the article on page two.

Taking up the challenge of commissioning health services for our local community is important to us all - the CCG Governing Body and also to all the practices in our area. We have now set up our Governing Body for the transition year (2012/13) and have established a set of commissioning priorities that we will work to with surrounding CCGs and we have already seen progress in many of these areas. Further

information about our commissioning intentions can be seen in the article below 'Collaborative Commissioning Intentions'.

For North East Hampshire and Farnham patients the change will be seamless and invisible. For GP practices and the CCG Governing Body, we are one step closer to fully commissioning healthcare services for our communities living in the Rushmoor, Hart and Farnham areas.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all areas of our community to get involved with the CCG in helping to shape our future health services. Please see the article 'Have Your Say' later in the newsletter to see how to register your details.

I look forward to hearing from you and updating you on our progress in the next newsletter

**Dr Andy Whitfield, Chair,
North East Hampshire & Farnham CCG.**

Authorisation process – our applications date has been agreed

All CCGs have to be 'Authorised' to ensure that CCGs meet safe thresholds to assume their full statutory responsibilities and are ready to take on responsibility for health care budgets for their local communities. The NHS Commissioning Board is undertaking the authorisation process.

Applications will take place in four waves from July 2012 to January 2013. All emerging CCGs have been working with their Strategic Health Authority clusters and the NHS Commissioning Board to agree which application wave they will go into. North East Hampshire & Farnham CCG will submit its application as part of Wave 2 in September 2012.

The wave process has been established to manage the authorisation of over 200 emerging CCGs. There is no advantage in being part of any particular wave as all CCGs will take on their new commissioning duties, if authorised, on 1 April 2013, regardless of when they were authorised.

There is much work to be done to ensure that we meet the large number of criteria for Authorisation. Part of this work includes the forming of strong relationships with a range of stakeholders, including patients, clinical colleagues both within and outside our CCG, colleagues in local authorities and health and wellbeing board(s), providers, other commissioners and those who will provide commissioning support for the CCG (where appropriate).

Our CCG Area - Key facts

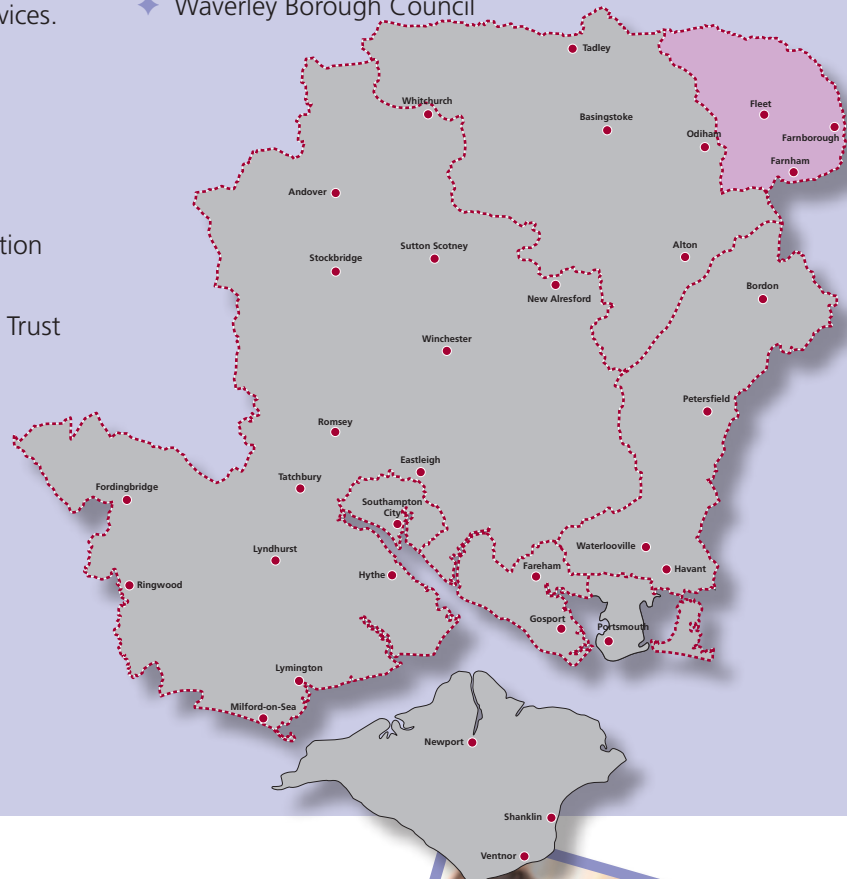


The North East Hampshire and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has:

- 24 constituent member GP practices
- North East Hampshire had a delegated budget of £138 million for 2011/2 (with a view to full delegation for 2012/13). The delegated budget covers acute hospitals, community services and prescribing services.
- Farnham has a delegated budget of £68 million
- A population of 216,000 registered patients
- Services provided by the following providers:
 - ◆ Frimley Park Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 - ◆ University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
 - ◆ Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
 - ◆ Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust
 - ◆ Virgin (known as Surrey Community Health)
 - ◆ Solent NHS Trust
 - ◆ South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
 - ◆ Surrey and Borders Partnership Trust NHS Foundation Trust
 - ◆ North Hampshire Urgent Care (Out of Hours)
 - ◆ Hampshire Hospitals Trust
 - ◆ Thames Doc (out of hours)

● Relationships with five councils:

- ◆ Hampshire County Council
- ◆ Surrey County Council
- ◆ Rushmoor Borough Council
- ◆ Hart District Council
- ◆ Waverley Borough Council



Collaborative Commissioning Intentions – how are we going to be spending our budget?

We have worked closely with the neighbouring CCGs that also use Frimley Park Hospital to develop a set of Joint Commissioning intentions, or priorities.

Seven key clinical areas form the basis of our commissioning intentions in 2012/13. These are:

- Mental health & learning disabilities
- Planned care
- Unscheduled care
- End of life
- Long term conditions
- Maternity, new born and child health
- Prevention and staying healthy

The full document is available to read [online](#)



Have Your Say on Shaping a Healthy Future

Would you like to help shape the future thinking for commissioning healthcare for the people of North East Hampshire and Farnham?

Ensuring we commission (or buy) the right healthcare services for our communities is a shared responsibility for us all. The Governing Body of the Clinical Commissioning Group is keen to gather the views from all areas of the local community and to reflect on these and ensure that they influence our commissioning decisions.

To help us achieve this we would like any stakeholder, partner, member of the public or community group to register their interest by completing the form below and posting it to:

FREEPOST, NHS Hampshire

(this is the full address and no stamp is required)

Alternatively, you can [complete the form online.](#)

Please send your completed form to
communications@hampshire.nhs.uk

Anything you share with us will be treated as private and confidential.

What could we do better (what can be improved)?

What are we doing well?

How well informed do you feel about your local health services and issues?

Are there any particular areas that you have an interest in e.g. Diabetes care, stroke care etc?

If you would like to be involved in the future health care decisions for North East Hampshire & Farnham CCG, please fill out your details below

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Update on your local health services at Frimley Park Hospital

Frimley Park has been confirmed as a vascular hub by its commissioners having been accredited against vascular society guidelines for hospitals providing emergency and planned vascular services (vascular services consist of treatment for conditions where there is not enough blood reaching an organ or parts of the body such as the arms, legs or head, caused by a partial or total blockage).

At the same time, vascular services have been transferred to the trust from the Royal Surrey County Hospital. Therefore, patients who would previously have been referred to the Royal Surrey for vascular services should now be referred

directly to Frimley Park. A change in service has also taken place in the trust's east Berkshire catchment as Frimley Park is now the nearest accredited centre for patients in the Bracknell and Ascot areas.

Frimley Park has also achieved recognition as a designated trauma unit. NHS South of England visited the trust in January to review its trauma services and found that the hospital had excellent facilities for all stages within the trauma service.

Since the trust introduced its early supported discharge (ESD) service for stroke patients last October, the multidisciplinary team providing the service has found the scheme to be

working well for patients. The service is managed by a stroke-skilled team who care for patients in their place of residence and provide rehabilitation as intensive as that provided by the stroke unit. There have been 47 patients on the scheme since October covering an area from Bracknell and Ascot to the other side of Farnham, with the scheme receiving some very positive feedback. Clare Davies, stroke ESD manager, said: Overall, most patients have commented that they are far happier recovering in their own home away from the hospital environment."

Visit <http://www.frimleypark.nhs.uk/news/News/> for latest news.

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