



Oxfordshire Health & Well Being Partnership

HWBP e-bulletin – July 2011

Website additions since last bulletin

The "published reports" section of the HWBP homepage provides a library of recent publications – the latest additions include:

Government response to NHS Future Forum listening exercise

The government's initial response on 14 June was posted on the 'news' section of the Health and Wellbeing website. The government's more detailed explanation of how it will make significant changes to improve its plans for modernising the NHS, in line with the Future Forum's recommendations, was posted on 20 June as another 'news' item. Some, but not all, of these changes require amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill and the relevant parts will now be debated by a House of Commons Public Bill Committee.

At the same time the government published its response to the Health Select Committee, pp.9-10 in particular affirm the government's commitment to Health and Wellbeing Boards.

[Government's initial response \(14 June\)](#)

[Government's detailed response \(20 June\)](#)

[Government's response to Health Select Committee](#)

NHS modernisation – helpful summary

A special edition of the monthly NHS newsletter has been produced summarising the latest position on NHS modernisation, following the recent announcements from government – pp.3-5 concentrate on commissioning, pp.8-9 focus on local authorities/ public health and patient empowerment/ HealthWatch, and p. 11 includes an updated timetable.

[The month: special issue on NHS Modernisation June 2011](#)

Designing in Health – guides for planners and public health professionals

The Local Government Group has produced a guide to help practitioners integrate health and spatial planning, called '*Plugging Health into Planning: Evidence and Practice*'. It is also available as an online set of interactive resources. Another guide – '*Steps to Healthy Planning: Proposals for Action*' – has been produced by the newly formed Spatial Planning and Health Group.

[Plugging Health into Planning](#)

<http://www.spahg.org.uk/>



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Training and events

Addressing wider health and wellbeing issues impacting on people with learning disabilities

A conference takes place in October looking at the implications on the wider determinants of health for people with learning disabilities. This free event is being run by the Improving Health and Lives Public Health Observatory. There are two dates to choose from in Birmingham and Manchester.

[Conference invitation and registration form](#)

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Charity Murder Mystery Dinner – Fri 22 July

'Headway Oxfordshire' is a local charity that offers advice, information and practical support to anyone affected by an acquired brain injury. A traumatic brain injury may occur through road traffic accidents, domestic or industrial accidents, assault, stroke, tumour or disease. The effects of a brain injury vary greatly, but many incidents have a profound effect on the individual and their family. As part of their fundraising efforts Headway Oxfordshire would be grateful if the flyer advertising their murder mystery dinner could be disseminated within your organisation.

[Headway Invitation](#)

web: www.headwayoxford.org.uk t: 01865 326263

Other news

Dilnot review – funding of long term care

The Dilnot review has concluded that approx half of the £6b funding gap needs to be met by the government. The remaining £3b will come from a proposal to ask people to contribute the first £35,000 of their care costs, after which the state will fund their care. Capping the individual's liability in this way will stimulate the insurance market by protecting them from open-ended liabilities. This proposal will end the situation in which most people with savings, capital or assets over £23,250 have to sell their home to pay for their care.

[Fairer Care Funding](#)

[1-page summary](#)



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Oxfordshire GP Consortium news

The fourth edition of the Oxfordshire GP Consortium newsletter has been published. The consortium has also produced a map showing how the county-wide consortium is broken down into six localities.

[OGPC 4th Newsletter – June 2011](#)

[Map of localities](#)

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Staying Safe – adult safeguarding newsletter

The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board has published the second issue of its quarterly newsletter, 'Staying Safe'. Please forward the newsletter to anyone you know who is interested in or affected by adult safeguarding issues.

[Staying Safe](#)

email: safeguardingadults@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Self Build housing events

"Build!" events are being held in July to provide information about the extent to which self build housing opportunities are an answer to residents' housing needs, give examples of what has been done in other areas, provide some information on how it may work in Cherwell and to and to provide an opportunity for people to register to be part of the Community Land Trust (which is about bringing land and people together) and for people to register an interest in self build housing. The attached flyers give information on events (in Bicester and Banbury).

[Self Build! flyer](#)

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Oxfordshire top of the table for physical activity

Results from the Active People Survey show that the percentage of Oxfordshire adults participating in regular activity each week has risen year on year to 26%, making Oxfordshire the most active county in England.

[Active People Survey press release](#)

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LINK Annual Report

Oxfordshire LINK has published its Annual Report for 2010–11, giving an account of its activities as “your voice on local health and social care”.

[LINK Annual Report](#)

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Development of HealthWatch

The Health and Social Care Bill establishes HealthWatch as the new independent consumer champion for health and social care to help ensure patients are at the heart of everything the NHS does. CQC and the Department of Health are currently designing HealthWatch England, which from April 2013 will be a statutory, distinctive part of CQC. Local HealthWatch is being created by developing the role of existing LINKs (Local Involvement Networks). CQC have begun to use their website to post information about HealthWatch and how to get involved.

[HealthWatch update](#)

Activities in West Oxfordshire for adults over 50 yrs

Lots of activities are available in West Oxfordshire for older adults, including gentle exercise classes, intergenerational garden projects and the hugely popular IT classes that aim to help non-computer users take the first steps towards digital inclusion. These classes not only explain the very basics of how to use a computer but also motivate people in a very personal and practical way by showing how they can benefit from using them.

[Activities in West Oxfordshire](#)

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WODC Seniors Directory

West Oxfordshire District Council has published its updated 'Seniors Directory' – full of information about services and support for people as they get older.

www.westoxon.gov.uk/files/download/8357-4446.pdf

Oxfordshire's Local Transport Plan agreed

Oxfordshire's third Local Transport Plan was adopted as policy on 5 April 2011. It sets out how the county council will develop transport infrastructure over the next 20 years to support economic investment and growth, tackle congestion and improve quality of life. LTP3 supports the Oxfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy's strategic objectives of the economy, community, climate change and reducing deprivation.

[LTP3 2011-2030](#)

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