



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Wednesday 5 September – Windsor Racecourse

Primary Care Co Commissioning Committee Meeting

Wednesday 12 September – De Vere Beaumont Estate

Patient Assembly

Thursday 27 September 2018 - Easthampstead Baptist Church



Changes to prescribing policy for over the counter products associated with minor ailments/short-term conditions

CCGs across the country have been issued [guidance](#) by NHS England which recommends that they should no longer routinely prescribe medication associated with a number of minor ailments or short term conditions in Primary Care, except in certain circumstances.

We would like to inform you that this change in [policy](#) was approved by East Berkshire CCG's Quality and Constitutional Committee last week (14/8) and will come into effect from Saturday 1 September 2018. From this date onwards, GPs across Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead, Bracknell and Ascot will [no longer routinely prescribe a number of products](#) associated with minor ailments or short term conditions except where:

- Patients prescribed an over the counter medicine for a long term or more complex condition or
- A clinician considers that a patient's wellbeing could be affected due to health, mental health or significant social vulnerability in certain situations including those with long-term conditions

For more information, click [here](#)



Join CCG staff and clinicians at this year's AGM

Interested in knowing how healthcare is improving locally, as well as hear about plans for the future, then pop along to this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) which takes place early next week. It is the CCG's first ever AGM as a single statutory body since Slough; Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead and Bracknell and Ascot CCGs merged to become East Berkshire CCG in April. Dr William Tong, Clinical Chair for the CCG, will kick off the afternoon by looking back at the achievements of the three former CCGs during 2017/18. Dr Andy Brooks, Clinical Chief Officer for the CCG, will then talk about the CCG's strategic direction looking forward. Formal approval of the CCG's accounts and annual reports for 2017/18 will form a part of the meeting which will conclude

with presentations from each of the locality leads, looking at some of the challenges and opportunities over the past year. There will be an opportunity for questions from the floor at the end of the meeting. Click [here](#) for more.



Update on the 'big conversation' around Urgent Care

Firstly, we would like to extend our thanks to you and others who took the time to complete the on-line survey as part of 'the big' conversation on urgent care. The survey closed on the 6th August and we can confirm that over 1,700 people responded! Since then, my colleagues in the communications and engagement team have been busy pulling together an engagement report which I am pleased to share with you [here](#). It's hot off the press so please do share in your practices as well as with friends and family.

CCG rated 'Outstanding' for the second year running by NHS England



East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is proud to announce that all three of its localities have been rated as 'outstanding' for the second year running by NHS England. This is the result of achievements by Bracknell & Ascot, Slough, and Windsor Ascot & Maidenhead CCGs prior to them merging to become East Berkshire CCG on 1 April 2018.

The announcement was made last month and puts the three localities of East Berkshire amongst only 20 CCGs to be rated as 'outstanding' for 2017/18, following an annual assessment by NHS England based on performance indicators, including Leadership Quality, and Financial Management. Click [here](#) to read more.



GP Council – July update

GP Council is a meeting which takes place every month, bringing together local GPs and Practice managers. The meeting is also attended by some PG members. During last month's meeting, there was a presentation and discussion on the project for integrated Neurology services - a new coordinated patient centred approach being introduced by our CCG and Berkshire Healthcare Trust to improve services for patients. Another topic was cardiology and the work being done to reduce the variation in services across East Berks and to improve outcomes.

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