

CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT >>>>>>>>>

Consultation on the Revision of the Healthcare Standards for Wales

16th November 2009 -
8th February 2010

The Healthcare Standards for Wales were first published in 2005 and it was always intended that they be subject to periodic review. This consultation therefore sets out proposals to update the existing set of standards to come into force from April 2010.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 16th November 2009 ending on the 8th February 2010.

Since their inception, NHS organisations have used the Healthcare Standards for Wales framework to help drive improvements in the standards of services for which they are responsible.

In the past three years NHS bodies have demonstrated progress against the standards through an annual assessment enabling their patients and local communities to see what they are doing well and where they plan to do better.

Healthcare Inspectorate Wales will be reviewing their processes for assessing compliance and progress against the healthcare standards.

For further information and to download the covering letter and consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/healthcarestandards/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be completed using the online form or be sent by email to: HCSConsultation@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Paying for Care in Wales: Green Paper Consultation on Options for Reform

16th November 2009 -
28th February 2010

This consultation seeks your views on the Paying for Care in Wales Green Paper on options for reform.

The consultation runs for 15 weeks commencing on the 16th November 2009 ending on the 28th February 2010.

The current system of paying for care for older and disabled people is over 60 years old, and needs to change if we are to meet increasing demands and higher expectations. We want to create a system that is simpler, fairer and more affordable for individuals, their families and government.

For further information and to download the consultation document please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:
<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/payingforcareinwales/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to: payingforcare@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

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Consultation on Draft Practice Guidance on 'Developing a Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities'

20th November 2009 -
12th March 2010

This consultation seeks your views on draft practice for guidance drawn up by the Learning Disability Implementation Advisory Group working with Assembly officials on 'Developing a Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities'.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 20th November 2009 ending on the 12th March 2010.

The Deputy Minister for Social Services has agreed to consider whether the Welsh Assembly Government should issue practice guidance on developing a commissioning strategy for people with learning disabilities in the light of the consultation responses.

For further information and to download the covering letter and consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/commissioningstrategy/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to:

ldstrategyconsultationreplies@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Consultation on Putting Things Right - a Better Way of Dealing with Concerns about Health Services

11th January 2010 -
2nd April 2010

This consultation seeks your views on the way that health organisations deal with people's concerns about the health service.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 11th January 2010 ending on the 2nd April 2010.

We want the health service in Wales to do as much as it can to put right mistakes and to learn lessons to stop them happening again. We feel that this can be done by improving the arrangements already in place to support all staff to be open with people when something has gone wrong and by developing further the skills and experience of staff who will investigate concerns.

We also think that by giving health organisations the tools they need to carry out better investigations, more people will be satisfied with the result. The process should be easy to access and people should be able to get help and support to raise their concerns.

For further information and to download the consultation document please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/puttingthingsright/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to:

puttingthingsrightconsultation@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

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Creating an Active Wales - Consultation on Roles and Responsibilities Document

13th January 2010 -
9th April 2010

The Welsh Assembly Government has developed the following draft document to show how the various organisations and professionals across Wales can contribute to encouraging the population to become more active.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 13th January 2010 ending on the 9th April 2010.

We are now seeking feedback from the organisations and professional groups listed in the document to ensure that we have captured the breadth of work that is being carried out in this area.

For further information and to download the consultation documents please visit the Welsh Assembly Government Website on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/roles/?lang=en>.

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to: lifestyles@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

5 th Feb	<p>Grandparent Group For Grandparents living in Newport and involved in raising grandchildren. Meet other grandparents in a similar position and chat over a coffee/tea. The next event is on Friday 5th February, 10.30am – 12.30pm at the GAVO Offices, Church Road. Judith Howells from the Grandparents Association will also be available to answer any questions.</p>	<p>For further information please contact Nicola Davies on Tel: 01633 241550 or email: nicolajdavies@gavowales.org.uk</p>
10 th Feb	<p>Tea Dance Join us on the 10th February, 2-4pm at Newport Market, High Street to dance to pre-recorded music or sit and enjoy the fun, all welcome. Take advantage of pensioner offers too! Shop for your 5 a day fruit and veg, see stallholders for more details.</p>	<p>For more information please contact the Market Manager on (01633) 265069.</p>


21 st Feb	<p>5 for Life Healthy Living Festival The 5 for Life Healthy Living Festival takes place on Sunday 21st February, 11am – 3pm at Duffryn High School Community Sports Centre, where there will be lots of activities taking place for all the family to join in such as dance, golf, yoga and squash. There will also be cooking demonstrations and workshops for everyone to try, free of charge.</p>	<p>For further information please contact the 5 for Life Team on (01633) 261443 or email: nathan.bishop@wales.nhs.uk.</p>
23 rd Feb	<p>Memory Café: Alzheimer's Society Newport Branch A Memory Café is taking place on the 23rd February 2010, 10.30am – 2pm at The Pavilion, Belle Vue Park. Worried about your memory or caring for someone who is confused and forgetful? The Memory Café may be able to help. Set up by the local Alzheimer's Society in Newport and offers activities including dancing, arts and crafts, music, exercise and advice on health and nutrition.</p>	<p>For further details, please contact the Alzheimer's Society on (01633) 665110.</p>
25 th Feb	<p>Newport Parent Network For Parents or Carers living in Newport, who would like to have a say on local issues that affect families. Join the Network and receive regular information on local events and support groups. Meet up with other parent/carers and chat over a coffee/tea. The next 'Get Together' will have a Welsh Theme and takes place at the Share Centre, Stow Hill on Thursday 25th February, 10.30am – 12.30pm.</p>	<p>For further information please contact Nicola Davies on Tel: 01633 241550 or email: nicolajdavies@gavowales.org.uk</p>

HEALTH EVENTS CALENDER 2010

1 st – 28 th Feb	<p>Raynaud's and Scleroderma Association Raynaud's Awareness Month</p>	<p>www.raynauds.org.uk</p>
1 st – 28 th Feb	<p>British Heart Foundation National Heart Month</p>	<p>www.bhf.org.uk</p>
1 st – 7 th Feb	<p>Consensus Action on Salt and Health National Salt Awareness Week</p>	<p>www.actiononsalt.org.uk</p>
4 th Feb	<p>International Union Against Cancer World Cancer Day</p>	<p>www.uicc.org</p>



5 th Feb	Samaritans Stress Down Day	www.samaritans.org
8 th – 14 th Feb	Family Planning Association Contraceptive Awareness Week	www.fpa.org.uk
8 th – 14 th Feb	British Tinnitus Association National Tinnitus Week	www.tinnitus.org.uk
15 th Feb	Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group World Childhood Cancer Day	www.cclg.org.uk
22 nd – 26 th Feb	Beat Eating Disorders Awareness Week	www.b-eat.co.uk
22 nd – 28 th Feb	Feed the Children UK Big Breakfast Week	www.feedthechildren.org.uk
23 rd Feb	Thirst for Life	www.thirstforlife.org

 <p>Newport CITY COUNCIL CYNGOR DDINAS Casnewydd</p> <p>GIG CYMRU NHS WALES</p> <p>Bwrdd Iechyd Aneurin Bevan Health Board</p> <p>Health Challenge Wales</p> <p>Her Iechyd Cymru</p>	<p>To contribute to this bulletin please contact Wayne Tucker on 01633 261447 or e-mail: wayne.tucker@newport.gov.uk</p>
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