

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

Consultation on Non-Emergency Patient Transport in Wales

12th April 2010 -
6th June 2010

Non-emergency patient transport enables people to access outpatient, day treatment and other services at NHS hospitals. The consultation runs for 8 weeks commencing on the 12th April 2010 ending on the 6th June 2010.

Around 1.4 million such journeys are undertaken every year. Users of the service are often seriously ill, such as those needing dialysis or chemotherapy. They are frequently vulnerable, with physical or other disabilities, and are dependent on such transport, as they often live in rural areas.

Everybody who uses the service recognises the efforts of the frontline staff and volunteers that deliver it.

However, the current system often fails to sufficiently meet patients' needs.

This includes:

- Multiple stop journeys with the patient furthest away from the hospital being picked up first and dropped back last;
- Poor pick up and drop off points, with no shelter or catering facilities;
- A lack of car services;
- Patients' carers not being able to travel with them;
- Fewer services in rural areas, meaning appointments being cancelled; and
- Fewer services at weekends despite more weekend clinics taking place.

That's why the Welsh Assembly Government is consulting on how to make the service more responsive to users' requirements and more patient-centred.

For example:

- Should we use voluntary organisations more to provide services?
- Do there need to be better management arrangements between statutory and voluntary providers?
- Do we need to provide other vehicles in addition to the traditional minibus?
- Do we need to provide bespoke services catering for the needs of particular patients?

We'd welcome your views on these and any other ways on how you think we can improve the service.

The Non Emergency Patient Transport Review forum is your opportunity to get involved and to tell us what you think about the consultation and your experience of the service.

You can access the forum by clicking on:

<http://wales.gov.uk/forums/patienttransport/?lang=en>.

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

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

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

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

Consultation on the Draft Tobacco Control Regulations for Wales under the Health Act 2009

12th April 2010 -
6th July 2010

We are consulting on the draft tobacco control regulations for Wales under the Health Act 2009, relating to the display of tobacco products at the point of sale and the prohibition of tobacco vending machines.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks commencing on the 12th April 2010 ending on the 6th July 2010.

The Health Act 2009 included specific tobacco control measures in relation to display of tobacco products at the point of sale and vending machines. The primary focus of these provisions is protecting children and young people.

Display of Tobacco Products:

Research shows that displays of tobacco products promote tobacco use. Displays of tobacco encourage young people to try smoking and undermine the efforts of people who want to quit smoking by prompting impulse buys. Openly displaying tobacco products in shops across Wales seriously challenges the public health message that smoking is dangerous and addictive.

The policy aim is to:

- Remove the display and promotion of tobacco products to discourage young people from taking up smoking and to create a supportive environment for people who want to stop smoking, while minimising bureaucracy for retailers.

Vending Machines:

Since vending machines are self-service, they provide easy access to tobacco for people under the legal age of sale of 18. Sales of tobacco products from vending machines represent only 1% of the overall tobacco market. A disproportionate amount of sales to under 18 year olds are from vending machines.

The policy aim is to:

- Prohibit sales of tobacco products from tobacco vending machines in Wales, to restrict access to and discourage the use of tobacco products by young people.

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

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

Responses to the consultation can be sent by email to:

tobaccoconsultation@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<p>18th & 19th May</p> <p>23rd – 24th June</p> <p>14th – 15th July</p>	<p>Mental Health First Aid This is part of the national training programme for Wales and its partners include WAG, HCW and Mind Cymru. This improves mental health literacy and helps people recognise the signs and symptom's of mental health problems; to respond to various mental health crises, engage with, support and signpost people to appropriate professional help. These courses take place at Jasmine Centre, Treseder Way, Cardiff between 9am & 4pm and costs £86 per person.</p>	<p>For further information or to book a place on either course please contact Cardiff and Vale Coalition Of Disabled People on (02920) 255611 or email: nickey@cvcdp.org.</p>
<p>21st May</p>	<p>Grandparents Support Group Grandparents can become full time carers for their grandchildren for all sorts of reasons. A support group has been set up for grandparents who would like to meet people in a similar situation to share information, knowledge and experiences. The group meet once a month on a Friday morning at GAVO on Church Road, Newport (21st May, 9.30am – 1pm).</p>	<p>If you would like to attend or join the mailing list please contact: Nicola Davies at Newport Parent Network on (01633) 241578 or email: nicolajdavies@gavowales.org.uk.</p>
<p>25th May</p>	<p>Memory Café: Alzheimer's Society Newport Branch A Memory Café is taking place on the 25th May 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. Activities including dancing, arts and crafts, music, exercise and advice on health and nutrition.</p>	<p>For further details, please contact Carole at the Alzheimer's Society on (01633) 665110.</p>
<p>17th June</p>	<p>WALES & WEST DUAL-SENSORY CONFERENCE 2010 Sight Support (previously Gwent Association for the Blind) and SENSE Cymru are pleased to announce the following conference. Taking place on Thursday 17th June 2010 at the University of Wales Newport, Caerleon Campus. This unique one-day conference is aimed at anyone involved with dual sensory loss and supporting people with sight and hearing loss, across the public, voluntary and private sector.</p>	<p>For more information or to book a place please contact: Nirmala Pisavadia on (01495) 763650, or email: nirmala@gwentblind.org.</p>

25 th June	<p>Midnight Walk As part of the scheme Going for Gold supports local challenges around Newport. This year one of these challenges is St Anne's Midnight Walk. Starting on the stroke of midnight this year's Midnight Walk will be on Friday 25th June 2010 and takes the form of a sponsored ten mile walk through the east of Newport.</p>	<p>For more information and to download relevant documents please visit www.stanneshospice.org.uk.</p>
12 th Oct	<p>Mental Health Awareness Event On Tuesday 12th October, 9.30am – 2pm to coincide with World Mental Health Day a Mental Health Awareness Event is taking place at The Riverfront Theatre, Newport. The theme this year is 'Get Moving – how we can improve our mental and physical wellbeing by participating in physical activity'. There will be talks, presentations, information, workshops, and much more....everybody is welcome!!!!</p>	<p>For further information please email Helen Scanlan on helen.scanlan@newport.gov.uk.</p>

HEALTH EVENTS CALENDER 2010

1 st – 31 st May	<p>Federation of International Podiatrists World Foot Health Month</p>	<p>http://www.fipnet.org/</p>
1 st – 31 st May	<p>The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths Save a Baby Month</p>	<p>http://fsid.org.uk/Page.aspx?pid=191</p>
2 nd – 8 th May	<p>Asthma UK Asthma Awareness Week</p>	<p>http://www.asthma.org.uk/</p>
2 nd – 8 th May	<p>Motor Neurone Disease Association Motor Neurone Disease Week</p>	<p>http://www.mndassociation.org/</p>
3 rd – 9 th May	<p>British Association of Dermatologists Sun Awareness Week</p>	<p>http://www.bad.org.uk/</p>
3 rd – 9 th May	<p>UK Council on Deafness Deaf Awareness Week</p>	<p>http://www.deafcouncil.org.uk/daw/</p>
4 th May	<p>Asthma UK World Asthma Day</p>	<p>http://www.asthma.org.uk/</p>
8 th – 15 th May	<p>Dystonia Society Dystonia Awareness Week</p>	<p>http://www.dystonia.org.uk/</p>
9 th – 16 th May	<p>Action for M.E. Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Awareness Week</p>	<p>http://www.afme.org.uk/</p>

10 th May	Lupus UK World Lupus Day	http://www.lupusuk.org.uk/
10 th – 14 th May	Allergy UK National Allergy Week	http://www.allergyuk.org/
12 th May	Stroke Association Stroke Association Day	http://www.stroke.org.uk/
14 th May	World Cancer Research Day Fruity Friday	http://www.fruityfriday.org/
15 th May	United Nations International Day of Families	http://www.un.org/
15 th – 22 nd May	National Institute of Adult Continuing Education Adult Learners' Week	http://www.niace.org.uk/
15 th – 23 rd May	Cleft Lip and Palate Association Cleft Lip and Palate Awareness Week	http://www.clapa.com/
16 th May – 12 th June	British Dental Health Foundation National Smile Month	http://www.bda.org/
17 th May	World Hypertension League World Hypertension Day	http://www.worldhypertensionleague.org/
17 th – 21 st May	Living Streets Walk to School Week	http://www.walktoschool.org.uk/
17 th – 23 rd May	Cystic Fibrosis Trust Cystic Fibrosis Week	http://www.cftrust.org.uk/
17 th – 23 rd May	Xtraordinary People Xtraordinary People Week	http://www.xtraordinarypeople.com/
17 th – 23 rd May	Headway Brain Injury Association Action for Brain Injury Week	http://www.headway.org.uk/
31 st May	World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe World No Tobacco Day	http://www.who.int/tobacco/wntd
31 st May – 6 th June	National Family Week	http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/



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