

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

6 th June	<p>It's a Knock Out Healthy Living Festival</p> <p>St David's Foundation & 5 for Life are holding an 'It's a Knock Out Healthy Living Festival' on the 6th June, 12pm – 4pm @ Rogerstone Welfare Ground. The event is a fun family day out consisting of activities such as Cooking demonstrations; inflatable Obstacle Course; Climbing Wall; dance demonstrations; and much much more.</p>	<p>For more information please contact the 5 for Life Team on (01633 261443) or email: nathan.bishop@wales.nhs.uk.</p>
17 th June	<p>WALES & WEST DUAL-SENSORY CONFERENCE 2010</p> <p>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>
18 th June	<p>Grandparents Support Group</p> <p>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 (18th June, 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>
18 th - 19 th June	<p>Wheelchair Sports Spectacular</p> <p>This year's wheelchair sports spectacular kindly supported by the Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay will take place in the National Indoor Athletics Centre, UWIC Cyncoed Campus Cardiff on Friday June 18th & Saturday June 19th from 10am – 4pm (Admission Free). The aim of the event is to get physically disabled people more active in wheelchair sports, although the event is open to all.</p>	<p>For further information please contact Steve McGrath, Disability Sport Wales Development Officer for Newport City Council on Tel: 07866544273; or Email: stephen.mcgrath@newport.gov.uk.</p>

22 nd June	<p>Diabetes and Circulatory Disease Awareness Event</p> <p>The 'Minority Ethnic Communities Health Association for Newport: Initiating Change' (MECHANIC) is holding a Diabetes and Circulatory Disease Awareness Event at Pill Library, Temple Street, Newport on Thursday 22nd June 2010, 9.30am – 2pm.</p>	<p>For more information please feel free to contact Julia Osmond on (01633) 261448 or julia.osmond@wales.nhs.uk.</p>
22 nd June	<p>Memory Café: Alzheimer's Society Newport Branch</p> <p>A Memory Café is taking place on the 22nd June 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>
23 rd – 24 th June 14 th – 15 th July	<p>Mental Health First Aid</p> <p>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: niccy@cvcdp.org.</p>
25 th June	<p>Midnight Walk</p> <p>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>
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HEALTH EVENTS CALENDER 2010

1 st – 30 th June	<p>Everyman Everyman Male Cancer Awareness Month</p>	<p>http://everyman-campaign.org/</p>
1 st – 5 th June	<p>Lifeblood National Thrombosis Week</p>	<p>http://www.thrombosis-charity.org.uk/</p>
1 st – 5 th June	<p>Daycare Trust National Childcare Week</p>	<p>http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk/</p>
5 th June	<p>United Nations World Environment Day</p>	<p>http://www.internationalwomensday.com/</p>
7 th – 12 th June	<p>Tampon Alert Tampon Alert Week</p>	<p>http://www.tamponalert.org.uk/</p>
7 th – 13 th June	<p>Food Standards Agency Food Safety Week</p>	<p>http://www.food.gov.uk/safereating/hyg/germwatch/2010/</p>
7 th – 13 th June	<p>International Glaucoma Association National Glaucoma Week</p>	<p>http://www.iga.org.uk/</p>
12 th – 20 th June	<p>Environmental Transport Agency Green Transport Week</p>	<p>http://www.eta.co.uk/</p>
12 th – 20 th June	<p>National Bike Week</p>	<p>http://www.bikeweek.org.uk/</p>
13 th – 19 th June	<p>Epilepsy Action National Epilepsy Week</p>	<p>http://www.epilepsy.org.uk/</p>
13 th – 19 th June	<p>Diabetes UK Diabetes Week</p>	<p>http://www.diabetes.org.uk/</p>
14 th June	<p>World Blood Donor Day</p>	<p>http://www.wbdd.org/</p>
14 th – 20 th June	<p>Carers Week</p>	<p>http://www.carersweek.org/</p>
14 th – 20 th June	<p>Men’s Health Forum National Men’s Health Week</p>	<p>http://www.menshealthforum.org.uk/</p>
14 th – 20 th June	<p>British Lung Foundation Breathe Easy Week</p>	<p>http://www.lunguk.org/</p>

15 th June	Community Hygiene Concern Bug Busting Day	http://www.chc.org/
20 th June	National Osteoporosis Society World Osteoporosis Day	http://www.nos.org.uk/
20 th – 26 th June	NHS National Breastfeeding Week	http://www.breastfeeding.nhs.uk
21 st – 25 th June	Age UK National Falls Awareness Week	http://www.ageuk.org.uk/index.htm
21 st – 27 th June	MENCAP Learning Disability Week	http://www.mencap.org.uk/
21 st – 27 th June	Child Accident Prevention Week Child Safety Week	http://www.capt.org.uk/csweek
21 st – 27 th June	Deafblind UK Deafblind Awareness Week	http://www.deafblind.org.uk/
21 st – 28 th June	Myeloma UK Myeloma Awareness Week	http://www.myelomaonline.org.uk/
25 th June	Wallace and Gromit's Children's Foundation Wrong Trousers Day	http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/
26 th June	United Nations International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	http://www.unodc.org/
27 th June – 3 rd July	The National Information and Advice Centre for Metabolic Disease Metabolic Disease Awareness Week	http://www.climb.org.uk/



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