

# Health Briefing

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## Welcome to Our Health Briefing

NHS Derby City works to improve the health of people across the city and make sure the health services they need are available. Our job is to:

- work out what is needed to improve local people's health
- provide some services ourselves – such as community services including clinics, district nurses, children's services and health visitors
- buy some services from others – such as larger hospitals and specialist treatments.

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### Health Bill update

Ahead of the recent Health Bill becoming law, NHS Derby City and NHS Derbyshire County are working towards setting up the new structures for commissioning health services.

There are now five Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across the county. You may have heard these called GP Consortia, but they have changed their name because they are made up of GPs and other healthcare professionals.

They cover different geographical areas and each one has a Chief Operating Officer to lead the way. The groups and their Chief Operating Officers are:

Southern Derbyshire - Andy Layzell  
North Derbyshire - Jackie Pendleton

Erewash - Rakesh Marwaha  
Hardwick Health - Wendy Sunney  
High Peak - Sally Adams

The Southern Derbyshire CCG is the latest CCG to achieve pathfinder status. This means it has shown that it is ready to start taking on commissioning responsibility.

There are 59 GP practices in the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group which covers a population of over 524,000, including Derby city.

### City/County cluster update

We mentioned in a recent newsletter that NHS Derby City and NHS Derbyshire County had come together to form a cluster organisation.

A single Trust Board and a single Executive Team are now in place. This group will take the cluster organisation through a journey of change over the next two years.

Its job is to make sure the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Boards are ready to take on their responsibilities when primary care trusts disappear in April 2013.

### High Satisfaction with Derby's Health Services

MORE people than ever are reporting satisfaction with key health services overseen by NHS Derby City, including hospitals, GPs and dentists.

A high percentage of people living in the city who responded to Derby City Council's 2010 One Derby Survey said they were highly satisfied with their hospital and GP.

Figures included show that during November 2010, the percentage of people satisfied with their hospital was 74 per cent, and their GP 72 per cent – with 78 per cent saying they were ‘very satisfied’ with both their hospital and GP.

Praise was also given to local dentists, who achieved one of the most notable jumps in satisfaction from people living in the city out of all the local public services assessed, with 56 per cent of people reporting satisfaction with their dentist in 2010 compared to 50 per cent when the survey was last conducted in 2008. This represents an improvement in performance of 6 per cent.

### **Derby Doctors Are Top Performers for Child Vaccines**

MORE children under five are being protected from serious illnesses thanks to the efforts of Derby doctors and nurses.

Derby GPs have significantly improved uptake of key child vaccines which protect against serious diseases such as diphtheria, whooping cough and meningitis C, achieving an uptake of over 90 per cent in five out of eight child vaccines. This included the meningitis C jab for one-year-olds and the PCV jab, which protects against pneumonia.

They also smashed a World Health Organisation target for the MMR booster jab – getting 95.8 per cent of five-year-olds to have the jab against a target of 95 per cent.

The childhood vaccination programme starts from two months of age and ends at 18, so it is important to check that young people are also protected.

A checklist for anyone needing help planning for childhood vaccines can be found at:  
<http://www.nhs.uk/Planners/vaccinations/Pages/Vaccinationchecklist.aspx>.

### **Consultation: DCHS**

Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (DCHS) is consulting on plans to become an NHS Foundation Trust from 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011.

They are also using this opportunity to launch their free membership scheme. They have produced a number of documents to help people understand why they want to become an NHS Foundation Trust, what their plans are for the

future and how their new organisation would be run.

Go to [www.dchs.nhs.uk/our-nhs-foundation-trust-consultation](http://www.dchs.nhs.uk/our-nhs-foundation-trust-consultation) to get involved in the consultation and go to [www.dchs.nhs.uk/become-a-member](http://www.dchs.nhs.uk/become-a-member) to become a member.

Should you have any questions please contact Rob Steele, Head of Communications for DCHS, on 01773 599483 or 07778 967586.

Visit [www.dchs.nhs.uk](http://www.dchs.nhs.uk) for more information about DCHS and the services they provide.

### **Consultation: Focusline**

NHS Derbyshire County is the lead commissioner for Focusline - a mental health helpline service delivered by Rethink. The funding for this service is due for renewal next year and a consultation is taking place.

More information and a copy of the questionnaire is available at [www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk](http://www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk) in the ‘have your say - consultations’ section.

A consultation event is also being held on Monday 26 September from 12.30pm to 4.30pm at the Riverside Centre in Pride Park.

More details are available from Raj Kang on 01283 731362 or e-mail [raj.kang@derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk](mailto:raj.kang@derbyshirecountypct.nhs.uk)

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