

Dear all,

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Useful website links:

- www.carersvoicesomerset.co.uk
- <https://www.nhscitizen.org.uk/>
- <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/get-our-newsletter>
- www.cqc.org.uk
- www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk
- <http://healthwatchsomerset.co.uk/>

Please share this with colleagues who may be interested in being added to the circulation list to receive the bulletin regularly. Please contact me on susan.lilley@somersetccg.nhs.uk if you have any information you would like added to future PPG bulletins.

Kind regards

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Subject: Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (22-28 January 2017)

Throughout next week (22-28 January) NHS England South will be running a cervical cancer awareness campaign in conjunction with [cervical cancer](#)

[prevention week](#) . As part of this campaign the attached resources, including a toolkit and design assets, have been developed to target women with a learning disability and/or autism. Please use these resources and share them with your colleagues, networks, local groups or members – whomever you deem appropriate. Any support you can provide in sharing the message throughout next week will be greatly appreciated.

A short, engaging [awareness video](#) features in the resources. It addresses some of the reasons why women do not get screened head on by counterbalancing with the reasons why women should attend – voiced by real women. The premise behind the video is to normalise cervical screening and encourage conversations. Here is a [download link](#) (*expires Monday 23*) should you wish to save a copy down e.g. GP practices to display on waiting room screens. If you have any questions or I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Subject: Invitation to Village Agent Knowledge Exchange – 24 January 2017 **RSVP to geraldine@somersetccc.org.uk by Friday 20 January**

For professionals or community organisations supporting adults in North Sedgemoor . Come and find out about what other services are available that could help support your work in North Sedgemoor.

Tuesday 24th January 2017

9.30am – 12.30pm

Highbridge Community Hall, Market Street, TA9 3BW

The aim of the event is to:

- To build awareness of the new approach to social care.
- Find out more about what local GP practices are doing in the area.

- To discuss how we might collaborate to help people in the area live well and remain independent for as long as possible.
- To provide an opportunity to learn more about services that are currently available in the local community, and how they support local residents

Please RSVP to geraldine@somersetccc.org.uk by **Friday 20 January** with the following details:

I Name | Organisation | Role | Any access requirements

For more information or to discuss further, please contact Raj on 01823 33122. Please feel free to forward to any interested parties.

Geraldine Braycotton

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Check out the CCS website: www.somersetccc.org.uk and see the variety of work we are doing.



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Subject: NHS SOMERSET CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP GOVERNING BODY MEETING IN PUBLIC

The Governing Body of the NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will be holding its next meeting in public on **Thursday, 26 January 2017 at 9.30 am**, at **Wynford House, Lufton Way, Yeovil, BA22 8HR**.

The CCG is the fully authorised commissioner of many of Somerset's health services, and assumed its statutory responsibility on 1 April 2013.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to listen to the items being discussed and there is an opportunity to ask questions at the beginning of the meeting.

Copies of the agenda and papers will be available approximately five working days before the meeting on the Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group website at www.somersetccg.nhs.uk or by contacting the NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group office on 01935 384000.

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Subject: Healthwatch Somerset - statement on Somerset's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

Somerset has launched its Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). We believe that any change to services must include meaningful input from those affected if it is to be successful. You can read the full Healthwatch response and our advice on what to expect and how to get involved here: [duty-to-consult-stp_role-of-healthwatch](#).

You can read the overview of the STP [here](#), or the full STP [here](#)

Healthwatch is committed to championing the views of local people, and we will work closely with developments around the STP in order to ensure that your voice is heard. If you would like to talk to us, then please get in touch using the 'contact' area of our website.



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Healthwatch

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Subject: Do you have an Acquired Brain Injury?

Are you a family member of someone with an Acquired Brain Injury?

Are you a professional working with Acquired Brain Injuries?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions we would love to hear from you.

Plymouth University are doing a research study looking at the experiences of people with ABI with community rehabilitation. We are interested in hearing the stories of individuals who have had interactions with employment services, education, mental health, social care, housing, substance abuse services, police, prison and probation services or other professional organisations.

We are conducting an online study into these experiences and doing a series of interviews.

If you would like to take part or would like some more information, please email Dr Alyson Norman for more details

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Subject: Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) are working for children, young people and families in Somerset.

We are writing to ask for your help in finding out how Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) are working for children, young people and families in Somerset.

In Control, with the help of children, young people, families and practitioners from across the country, has devised questionnaires for people to complete about the process of obtaining an education, health and care plan.

There are three surveys, they are for;

- Young People
- Parent carers
- Practitioners

We would be grateful if you could spare some of your time to complete the survey most suited to you.

We were grateful to people who responded to last year's survey. If you would like to know more about what we learned and what have done as a result, there is a report on our Local Offer website [POET Report 2015](#) You can complete the survey on line using the link.

Somerset County Council - 2017 Survey for parents of children and young people who have an Education Health and Care Plan

[POET Survey 2017 for parents of children and young people](#)

Somerset County Council - 2017 Survey for children and young people who have an Education Health and Care Plan, their life and the support they get

[POET Survey 2017 for children and young people](#)

Somerset County Council - 2017 Survey for Practitioners working with children and young people who have an Education Health and Care Plan

[POET Survey 2017 for Professionals and Practitioners](#)

Locally, we will use the results of this survey to monitor how we are doing and how we can make improvements. The information you give us will also be used in a national report to help improve the way things are done for others in England. You will not need to give any personal details and there will be no way of identifying individuals.

We are asking people to complete surveys during the Spring term this year. A national report with the results will be published in Autumn 2017 and we will receive an individual benchmarking report, subject to us providing sufficient returns. We will share the results and what we will be doing as a result of the findings. If you are interested in working with us to consider the results and identify any actions please let me know and I will contact you again nearer the time.

If you would like to know more about the work of In Control or see previous Children and Young People's POET reports you can visit their website at www.in-control.org.uk or contact them on 01564 821 650. We do hope that you will agree to help us in this very important piece of work and thank you in advance for your time.

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Subject: Free Peer Support Courses

WATCH CIC is running FREE Peer Support courses in Somerset for people who are living with mental health issues and would like to reduce their social isolation by meeting others and forming supportive relationships to take them forward. Originally run as complement to the Sompar Self Management courses, peer group workshops have proved very successful over the four years they have been running with a number of proactive peer groups established throughout Somerset.

We are now taking referrals for our 4 week courses starting in February and March 2017

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| Shepton Mallet - 15 th February on Wednesday mornings at the Community Hospital. |
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| Taunton – 2 nd March on Thursday mornings at St James Church Hall. |
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| Bridgwater – 17 th March on Fridays mornings at Victoria park Community Centre. |
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Peer Support Groups in a mental health context can be wonderful environments for support and Recovery for people who have suffered or continue to suffer from mental illness. The overall aim of the course is to:

- introduce people to the benefits of peer support and mutually respectful relationships
- support people with staying well and working towards recovery
- encourage people to take part in community activities

Feedback from people who attended this course in Chard in October include:-

Jackie said “*the Peer support workshops made me feel hopeful for the future and gave me the opportunity to meet new people to maybe form a peer group with*”

Eve said “*I feel it is so important that we build relationships with others. When it is a dark day a small amount of support can make a big difference. Being part of the course showed me that someone cares and that was good for my self confidence and esteem.*”

Please contact us to discuss or to **refer a participant and book a place**

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PLEASE NOTE: As of Thursday 2nd February 2017 the Thursday WATCH Project will be held at Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close, Chard, TA20 1RH between 11am and 4pm. All administration for Chard WATCH CIC still remain at: Chard WATCH CIC, Forefront Community Centre, 42 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1QA.

Subject: Experience of public involvement and some understanding of health and social care systems?

We have just started advertising an opportunity to get involved with NIHR CLAHRC West* could you forward this email and share this information with anyone you think might be interested?

- We are looking for people with experience of public involvement and some understanding of health and social care systems. Experience of any condition as a patient, service user, family member or carer will be needed, and relevant experience might also include working with user-led or voluntary organisations with a focus on health and social care issues.
- The opportunity is to join a new involvement panel that will help researchers think about public and patient perspectives on projects focused on system wide issues in health and social care, rather than on particular health conditions and treatments. For example, this includes work to reduce unnecessary medical investigations or treatments and projects to improve patient safety.
- The role is to act as a 'critical friend' and provide a thoughtful and informed public perspective.

An induction and selection session for the role will be held on Tuesday 28th February 2017 from 5.30-7.30 pm in central Bristol. Working on the panel will mean coming to meetings in the early evening about 4-6 times a year. Public contributors will be offered payment and expenses for their work.

This information with links to additional information including a role description and application form are here: <http://www.phwe.org.uk/involvement-opportunities/>

If you have any questions, or need help please contact Kim Thomas on kim.thomas@nihr.ac.uk . Kim can email all the information given on our website.

Completed applications need to be in by Thursday 16th February 2017. Thank you very much for helping People in Health West of England to let people know about this involvement opportunity. I very much appreciate your support.

**** acronym = National Institute for Health Research (NIHR); Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC); West = West of England patch.***

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