

Dear all,

Please find information below on:-

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- **Useful website links:**
 - www.carersvoicesomerset.co.uk
 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/tag/nhs-citizen/>
 - <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: Involvement Opportunity: Chemotherapy

Apply by 24th March, Meeting on 29th March, and ongoing, Bristol

For: Cancer patients who've had chemotherapy, either at hospital or elsewhere

What: Researchers are planning a study to evaluate the potential of receiving chemotherapy closer to home, instead of in hospital. They plan an initial consultation meeting, to help in the design of the study. There will also be opportunities to be involved in other aspects of the study, including the Steering Group.

[Click for more info](#)

Subject: Events on Dementia

For: Anyone interested

What: [Bristol Health Partners](#) presents *What it's like to live with dementia: Perspectives from people living with dementia & professionals*. Cost £5. Find other dementia events (most free) later in the year on the [Bristol Health Partners website](#)
9th March, Bristol, and throughout the year

[Click for more info](#)

Subject: NHS England Consultations: Congenital Heart Disease

NHS England is consulting on its proposals for the commissioning of congenital heart disease (CHD) services.

[Click for more info](#) by 5th June, Webinars 1/2 March, online

Subject: NHS England Consultations: Adult Mental Health Services

NHS England is consulting on the two new service specifications for the Adult Secure Low and Medium Mental Health Services.

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/serv-specs-adult-med-low-secure-mh-services/>
by 11th May, Webinars 15/22 March, online

Subject: Fundraising Event, Axminster Town Football Club, Friday 3rd March, 7pm

The Project are holding a Comedy, Curry & Quiz Night to raise much needed funds to support young people experiencing mental health difficulties and their families.

Tickets are £15 and include a full night of entertainment and food! We are lucky to have award-winning comic, author and mental health campaigner, Dave Chawner, providing the entertainment on the night; food is being provided by the amazing Devon Kitchen Deli; and there's a quiz! You can enter quiz teams of up to 6 people. But, if you're on your own or you don't have enough people to make up a team, don't worry - teams can also be made up on the night!

There will be a choice of curry, with rice and naan bread - chicken or

vegetarian (vegan friendly, except for naan). IMPORTANT: Please specify your choice when booking. Please ask if you need further allergen information. Tickets are available from Archway Bookshop in Axminster (ticket hotline 01297 33595), or email info@theprojectyp.org.uk via our website. We hope you can join us!!

Our fundraising night is taking place during Eating Disorder Awareness Week, and the evening is also a chance to raise awareness around young people's mental health issues, and the work we do at The Project.

Subject: Falls Awareness Course - Monday 8th May 2017, 9.30am

A Falls Awareness course being held on Monday 8th May 2017 at Somerset CCG, Wynford House, Lufton Way, Yeovil, BA22 8HR. This ½ day course is free to attend and is for organisations supporting people living in the community is to increase awareness of what contributes to falls, how we can help avoid them and ways to support others to stay active and independent. and runs from 9.30-12.45 (arrival from 9.15) tea/coffee provided, and is suitable for those with little or no knowledge of falls issues and for organisations supporting people in community settings (not residential care settings).

- Find out why people fall and changes to our bodies as we get older
- Hazards which may lead to a fall
- Osteoporosis and fractures
- Fear of falling
- Benefits of being physically active
- Remaining active and staying independent
- Information and support options available in Somerset

To register for a place please complete and return the attached form by email (or post) to [Cait chandsford@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Cait.chandsford@somerset.gov.uk) by 25th April – returning the form does not guarantee a place, notification is sent by email at a later date.