

Dear all,

This week's bulletin includes items on:-

- **Healthy Somerset (checkout the new website on health and wellbeing in Somerset)**
- **Take part in the local survey - NHS dental services in Frome**
- **Useful website links:**
 - www.carersvoicesomerset.co.uk
 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/participation/get-involved/how/nhs-citizen>
 - <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/get-our-newsletter>
 - www.cqc.org.uk
 - www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk
 - <http://healthwatchesomerset.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@nhs.net if you have any information you would like added to future Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletins.

Kind regards

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Subject : Healthy Somerset

Did you know that 10,200 Somerset residents are off work due to long term ill health. People who are off work for 6 months have a 50% chance of returning to work, 12 months = 25%, 2 yrs = almost 0%?

Click on the link below to view information on health and wellbeing in Somerset and find out everything you need to know including:-

- **Healthy Weight** - Get to your ideal healthy weight with our ideas and activities.
- **Healthy Workplaces** - Helping the places we work to be as healthy as they possibly can be.
- **Positive About Breastfeeding** - Find advice and support for staying Positive About Breastfeeding.
- **Smokefree Life** - Supporting Somerset residents to quit smoking.
- **Zing Somerset** - Find activities and sports in Somerset to help you to stay healthy.

<https://www.healthysomerset.co.uk/>

Subject: Local survey about NHS dental services in Frome

NHS England has recently received the resignation of a local dental practice contract that provides NHS dental services.

The practice is:

- **Catherine Court Dentistry Limited, 2 Fromefield, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2HA**

In the short term, NHS patients of this practice are requested to call NHS 111 to arrange an appointment at an alternative surgery in the area. Patients can also obtain further information by contacting Somerset Dental Helpline and the NHS Choices website.

For the longer term, NHS England – which plans, buys and monitors NHS dental services – is now planning what dental services are needed in the Frome area. We would like residents from the Frome area to take part in a survey to have their say about where they go for dental care and the ease of access to routine dental care. The survey is available online at NHS England's website:

<https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/3f35b8eb>

The survey only takes a few minutes to fill in and can be done anonymously. It must be completed by **Thursday 30th November 2017.**

If you have any further questions, please get in touch at the contact details below.

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