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The NHS Long Term Plan



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The [NHS Long Term Plan](#) is a new plan for the NHS to improve the quality of patient care and health outcomes. It sets out how the £20.5 billion budget settlement for the NHS, announced by the Prime Minister in summer 2018, will be spent over the next 5 years.

The plan has been developed in partnership with frontline health and care staff, patients and their families. It will improve outcomes for major diseases, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and dementia.

Healthwatch in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) have been working on a scheme to deliver co-ordinated engagement with the public about the

the themes contained in the plan.

Strategic Priorities

The Healthwatch Advisory Board (HAB) are planning our strategic priorities for 2019-20 and we will be publishing them in our next newsletter. We would like to know what the public wants us to focus on next year. Tell us what you think - contact us through our social media channels or email enquiries@healthwatchll.com



Enter and View

Enter and View is one tool available to us for collecting evidence and feedback about services. A small team of Healthwatch Authorised Representatives conduct Enter and View visits.

Authorised Representatives are volunteers who have undergone specialist training. They are drawn from all walks of life and bring a variety of experience to the team.

The Authorised Representatives can see and hear how services are delivered, to collect the views of service users at the point of service delivery. This involves talking to staff, service users and visitors and making first hand observations. The Authorised Representatives use the information collected to compile a report and make recommendations on how the service can be improved. We also look for examples of good practice. [Read our Enter and View Reports](#)

Programme or the Authorised Representative role please contact Louise Hall, Engagement & Information Lead on 0116 251 8313 or louise.hall@healthwatchll.com



New plan unveiled to support people with dementia to live well

Local health and social care leaders together with voluntary sector organisations in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) have unveiled new plans for supporting people with dementia and their carers.

In the UK, one person develops dementia every three minutes. In Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, there are more than 13,000 people living with dementia which is expected to rise in the coming years. Yet too many people living with dementia face the condition alone and excluded from society.

[Read the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland's Living Well with Dementia Strategy 2019-22 which sets out a vision to help people to live well with dementia.](#)

The strategy is informed by what people have said about their experiences either as a person living with dementia or as a carer. It is written for people with memory concerns, those with a dementia diagnosis, their families and carers and the organisations supporting them. An important focus of the strategy is to move towards delivery of personalised and integrated care.

NHS App

NHS England has announced that the NHS app is now available. The app will allow patients to book and manage appointments, order repeat

organ donor and choose whether the NHS uses their data for research and planning, NHS England has said.

[Find out more and download the App](#)



Consultations

[Get involved in redesigning community health services](#)

The Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (the organisations which plan and buy health services), are encouraging local people to get involved in shaping the future of local community health services.

[Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability Strategy 2019-2022](#)

This draft strategy aims to improve services and people's experience of them in Leicester.

[SEND Consultation](#)

Have your say on plans to invest up to £30m in new provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).



Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Events Funding

Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will be granting 15 local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations a sum of £2,500 to put on a health and wellbeing event (or series of events) for the specific communities that they support. This one-off funding opportunity will offer successful VCS organisations a pot of money to host their own events with the aim of promoting independence and self-care.

You can apply online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2JWL53Z>.
Deadline for applications: 10 March 2019.

Cervical Smear Drop-in clinic

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Smear Test
Due or Overdue?
We can help

9 March
2019
9.00am-
4.00pm

*Be brave and face that fear
Be smart and get your smear*

General Hospital Gynaecology Services Unit (GSU) (Maternity entrance)
Royal Infirmary Gynaecology Outpatients (Ground floor Kensington building)

Any queries email the Colposcopy team cervicalsmear@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

Cervical smear drop-in clinic

On Saturday 9 March, the colposcopy team at Leicester's Hospitals are offering cervical screening for the community.

There's no need to book, the drop-in sessions will run from 9am until 4pm, at Gynaecology Services Unit (GSU) at Leicester General Hospital and Kensington Building at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

[Find out more](#)



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