

A photograph showing a group of people sitting around a table in a meeting room, engaged in discussion. The text "Patient Participation Group Newsletter" is overlaid in large blue font.

Patient Participation Group Newsletter

HARAMBEE SURGERY

Your Locality (Pendle)

Pendle Integrated Neighbourhood Team

The Pendle Integrated Neighbourhood Team held their third development workshop on the 14th November following on from the success of the previous two; speakers at the event were from the Memory Assessment Services, Alzheimer's Society and the Mental Capacity Lead from ELHT. The workshop was well attended by various services and providers including ELHT, Nursing Teams, Fire Service, CVS, CCG, Practice Nurses and Managers. Feedback and actions from the workshop will hopefully improve outcomes for patients, carers and services involved in the future.

Primary Care Networks

The Networks are continuing to establish themselves in both Pendle East and West, meetings are taking place on a regular basis and plans are being formulated as to what will be focussed on within each of the networks.

Health and Well Being Partnership

Have been working closely with CVS regarding social prescribing monies and using the remaining grant monies on projects within the locality. The Partnership is also focussing on supporting a number of campaigns e.g. Anti-bullying – Odd Socks Campaign in November and in January looking at supporting Healthy Eating Campaigns including Change for Life.

Community Connector service

The Community Connector service is available to sign post and connect individuals who may require non-medical needs. GP practices can refer patients to the connectors or patients can contact directly on connectors@bprcvs.co.uk or call 01282 433740.

Your CCG (East Lancashire)

Extended GP Access

The extended GP access scheme means that patients can make an appointment to see a GP or nurse practitioner, from 6:30 pm to 8:30



pm on week days and from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on a Saturday and Sunday. The system has been set up by local GPs working collectively to improve access to GP and practice nurse services. The appointments available in these extra weekday and weekend hours are in addition to the usual GP surgery opening hours from 8:00 am to 6:30 pm.

The appointments will be available at GP access hubs across East Lancashire (these may not be your own GP practice).

To book an appointment call your GP practice or speak to your practice receptionists.

General Practice and the Power of Community Event Success

On Wednesday 31st October we held the very successful “General Practice and the Power of Community” event at Turf Moor. Approximately 250 delegates attended to learn more about social prescribing and the incredible impact it has made in our communities.



Delegates were able to view 30 exhibition stands from recipients of social prescribing grants and these displayed useful information about their activities and work, and showed examples of how the CCG grant scheme, which was managed by Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale, and Hyndburn and Ribble Valley CVS has helped their communities thrive.

Pharmacy Opening Times over Christmas

Make sure you order any repeat prescriptions in time as practices have limited opening hours over Christmas and New Year. A list of Pharmacy opening times over Christmas and New Year can be found on the East Lancs CCG website at eastlancsccg.nhs.uk/news/820-pharmacy-opening-times-christmas-and-new-year

Help to Keep Your Family Vaccinated Against Flu This Winter

Did you know that if your child is between 2 and 9 years of age they are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine. Flu can affect anyone but if you're pregnant the effects can be risky for you and your baby, pregnant women are also eligible for a free vaccine. Book yours at your local GP / Pharmacist now.

The signs of flu include a blocked up nose, painful ear, sore throat, high temperature, difficulty breathing, dry cough, tiredness and aches.

Implementation of Revised and Updated Clinical Policy on Assisted Conception Services (including IVF)

This clinical policy explains the criteria that must be met in order for assisted conception services such as IVF (in vitro fertilisation) to be given on the NHS in this area.

GPs, hospital doctors and consultants are required to follow these policies when considering your treatment. Please talk to your GP or consultant if you wish to know more about whether you are eligible for these services under the revised policy.

To read the Assisted Conception Services Policy, visit the CCG website.