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Public invited to Building Better Hospitals consultation events

A series of online events has been arranged to help people find out more and ask questions about proposals to spend £450 million transforming acute hospital and maternity services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The events have been arranged as part of the *Building Better Hospitals for the Future* public consultation, which launched at the end of September and runs until 21 December 2020.

The consultation concerns the services delivered at the three main hospitals in Leicester, run by University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) NHS Trust, as well as services delivered at the midwifery-led unit at St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray.

The consultation events will take place online, using Microsoft Teams, due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic. To ensure people who aren't online are still able to participate, there is an option to listen in by telephone and submit any questions in advance.

The events complement other engagement activities being run by voluntary and community sector organisations to reach people in specific communities and particularly those who may be digitally excluded.

There are three types of online events – question and answer sessions with a panel of invited guests, public events with the opportunity to discuss the consultation, and workshops on specific topics.

The question and answer panel sessions will be able to host 1,000-plus attendees, with people able to ask questions during the event via the question and answer box within the Microsoft Teams Live platform, or submit them up to two hours in advance. Some of the sessions will have already taken place when this newsletter is printed:

October 12 (7-8.30pm), October 29 (10-11.30am) and December 7 (7-8.30pm).

The public events will host up to 250 people. People will be able to ask questions in exactly the same way as they would have done in a face-to-face public meeting, using the functionality of Microsoft Teams. Please be aware, some of the public events will have taken place already by the time you see this newsletter: October 14 (2-3.30pm), October 15 (7-8.30pm), October 31 (10-11.30am), November 12 (7-8.30pm), November 21 (2-3.30pm), November 27 (10-11.30am), December 2 (7-8.30pm), December 12 (2-3.30pm) and December 13 (2-3.30pm).

In addition to these events, a number of workshops on specific topics within the consultation are being held so people can get into a discussion with others and give more detailed insights and views. These will be limited to a pre-registered audience of up to 15 people. People will have the choice of joining a workshop covering one of three topics on each date.

The workshops will take place on:

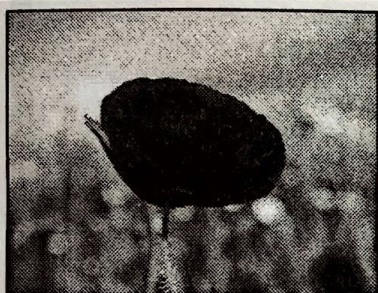
- **November 9** (11am-12.30pm) with topics covering a general discussion, carers, and maternity;
- **November 18** (6-7.30pm) with topics covering maternity, Glenfield Hospital, and Leicester General;

- **November 19** (6-7.30pm) with topics covering a general discussion, Leicester Royal Infirmary, and the children's hospital;
- **November 23** (6-7.30pm) with topics covering a general discussion, Glenfield Hospital, and Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Details of how to join the online events will be available on the consultation website: www.betterhospitalsleicester.nhs.uk. All the insights and feedback from the events will be captured and incorporated into the consultation to be analysed and evaluated.

Further information on the public consultation is available via phone 0116 295 0750, email beinvolved@LeicesterCityCCG.nhs.uk and the website:

www.betterhospitalsleicester.nhs.uk



Public encouraged to Remember at Home on Remembrance Sunday

Residents in North West Leicestershire are being asked to Remember at Home on Remembrance Sunday, paying tribute to the sacrifices of our Armed Forces while also keeping safe from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The difficult but sensible decision to cancel Remembrance Sunday parades and services in both Coalville and Ashby de la Zouch has been taken jointly by North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC), Ashby Town Council and the Royal British Legion.

All agreed that while remembering the fallen and their sacrifice is important as ever this Remembrance Sunday, preventing the spread of Covid-19 and ultimately saving lives must take priority.

The public are being encouraged to remember and commemorate safely from their homes, taking part in the two-minute silence, displaying poppies in windows and tuning into televised services. Councillor Virge Richichi, Chairman of NWLDC, said: "Remembrance Sunday is a chance to reflect and remember those we have lost, and to show our gratitude to those that are serving in conflicts around the world.

"The health and safety of our residents is our top priority and we know people in North West Leicestershire will understand the importance of remembering from home this year, reducing the spread of Covid-19 and saving lives."

Councillor John Coxon, Leader of Ashby de la Zouch Town Council, said: "In conjunction with our partners in the Royal British Legion, the church and local community groups, we have reviewed our arrangements with respect to Remembrance Day and Armistice Day for Ashby de la Zouch.

"In light of recent events surrounding the spread of Covid-19, we must ensure that public safety remains our priority."

Support scheme available for residents isolating in North West Leicestershire



Residents in North West Leicestershire can now apply for the Government's new Test and Trace Isolation Support Scheme which was announced at the end of September.

The scheme, administered by North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC), looks to support people on low incomes who are unable to work from home and whose finances are reduced by isolation due to Covid-19.

From Monday 28 September, people in England were required by law to self-isolate if they tested positive for the virus or if they were contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service advising them to self-isolate.

Those who are eligible for the scheme can claim for a one-off payment of £500 to support them during each period of isolation. Applications will need to be submitted within 14 days from the end date of the isolation period.

A small discretionary fund is also available to support those in need but that don't fit the criteria. Details on the full eligibility for both schemes can be found at www.nwleics.gov.uk/testandtracesupport. Councillor Robert Ashman, Deputy Leader for North West Leicestershire District Council, said: "We understand that isolating due to coronavirus will impact people working in certain industries and it's important to offer support to those whose income will take a financial hit.

"The Test and Trace Isolation Support Scheme has been designed to provide security and relieve stress for those that have been advised to isolate. It's critical that those with Covid-19 isolate to protect our communities, and financial pressure shouldn't be a barrier to someone that needs to stay at home for 14 days."

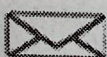
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Oakthorpe Support Group

As the colder months set in and the second wave of Covid sweeps the UK, the Covid-19 Oakthorpe Support Group is still here to support anyone who isn't able to leave the house due to Covid. We no longer have the village foodbank as there wasn't the demand within the village but we are still here to support.

Shopping Requests

If you are not able to leave the house due to Covid, have no one local who can support and are in need of support with shopping, prescriptions, posting letters etc., get in touch.



Call Caroline on 07740 472886 or
Amy on 07931 879137 / 01530 610125



Facebook Group



Join the COVID - 19 Oakthorpe Support Group, on Facebook for up to date news about the group and useful information.