

# Health briefing

Area Panel 3

March 2005

## Welcome to the PCT Health briefing

Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) work together to improve the health of people across the city, and make sure the health services they need are available. Their job is to:

- work out what is needed to improve local people's health
- provide some services themselves – such as community services including clinics, district nurses, children's services and health visitors
- buy some services from others – such as larger hospitals and specialist treatments.

The PCTs will be providing a local Health Briefing for each Area Panel meeting. If you have any questions you can either direct them through the Area Panel manager, Sarah Edwards on 01332 255636 or contact us direct: Debbie Jackson, Associate Director, Central and Greater Derby PCTs, Derwent Court, Stuart Street, Derby DE1 2FZ or on 01332 224000

In this issue you'll find details of:

- Austin Centre developments
- Interpreting services
- Pharmacies helping people to stop smoking

## Austin health centre

As you may know, it is planned to relocate Dr Horden's Practice from Village Street to a new centre to be built on the site of the former Village Community School. The main entrance to the centre will be from Browning Street.

The full range of services currently available at the Village Street surgery will be re-provided and a wider range of community services will also be offered. The scheme will include:

- Physiotherapy treatments
- Dental services
- Near patient testing e.g. Blood tests, heart traces
- Minor treatment facilities
- Ophthalmology
- Meeting facilities for staff and patient groups

**The PCTs are planning an open day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April so that local people can take a look at what's proposed and let us know what they think.** After an initial consultation with the community last year, plans have been drawn up for the new centre. At the open day in April you will be able to:

- Go on a 'virtual tour' of the new centre
- Tell us what you think about how the centre could be used
- Have your say about a name for the centre
- Take a look at the plans so far.

Drop in to St Giles' Church Hall on Browning Street any time between 1.00 and 3.00 in the afternoon or between 5.00 and 7.00 in the evening on the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available.

### **Interpreting Service**

The PCTs' Interpreting Service has secured £109,000 from SRB 6 and URBAN II Regeneration funding to develop the service in Normanton. This will mean the immediate establishment of a base at the Normanton Regeneration Centre, and the appointment of staff, with effect from April 2005, to start work from that base.

The main objectives are to:

- Increase the number of interpreters and widen the available language mix in order to meet the demand for minority languages
- establish a pathway of learning, with the support of the Education services, to develop skills related to interpreting
- develop a translation service, in addition to face-to-face interpreting
- sponsor selected candidates to attain nationally recognised interpreting qualifications.

### **Local Pharmacist Supports Stopping Smoking**

Community pharmacists across Southern Derbyshire are now able to provide free advice, support and access to nicotine replacement therapy for people wanting to quit smoking.

Sixty-five pharmacies have received training from the local Fresh Start service, which is funded by the Primary Care Trusts across Southern Derbyshire. This training allows the pharmacies to offer the

stop smoking scheme. One of these is Cohen's Chemist, Peartree Road, Normanton.

Community pharmacy staff can offer behavioural support to smokers who want to quit. A weekly support service is offered over eight weeks using consulting areas in their shops to maintain privacy. As well as preparing smokers for their quit day, they will also be able to offer ongoing support and advice throughout the quit attempt to help people through difficult situations. In addition, staff will also be using carbon monoxide monitors. As with all Fresh Start services, NRT is available and will cost no more than a prescription for a week's supply.

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