

Health briefing

Area Panel Five

December 2006/January 2007

Welcome to our Health Briefing

Derby City Primary Care Trust works to improve the health of people across the city and make sure the health services they need are available. Our job is to:

- work out what is needed to improve local people's health
- provide some services ourselves – 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.

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Drug Treatment Consultation

Derby Community Safety Partnership, working in partnership with the PCT, reviewed adult drug treatment services within the city in autumn 2005. Initial consultation with stakeholders resulted in a new way of providing drug treatments

being proposed. This is now formally being consulted upon.

The consultation period will run from 6 November 2006 until 31 January 2007. Copies of the consultation paper are available from Derby Community Safety Partnership, St. Peter's House, Gower Street or on the PCT's website: www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk

Announcement of date for implementation of smoke-free law

Derby City Primary Care Trust has welcomed the announcement of the implementation date for smoke-free laws in England. From Sunday 1st July 2007, virtually all workplaces and substantially enclosed public areas in England will become smoke-free.

The introduction of smoke-free environments will reduce the risks to health from exposure to second-hand smoke, recognise a person's right to be protected from harm and enjoy smoke-free air, help people trying to give up smoking and save thousands of lives over the next decade by reducing both exposure to hazardous secondhand smoke and overall smoking rates.

As part of Derby City PCT's and Derby City Council's commitment to the Smoke-free Derby initiative, the Fresh Start NHS Stop Smoking Service has been working with local employers since the start of the year in order to help them prepare for

legislation. So far, more than 600 businesses across Derbyshire have been supported with advice on no-smoking policies and on site stop smoking groups for staff. Fresh Start will continue to support local employers and employees in the run up to 1 July 2007.

For more information, advice and support, please visit the Smoke-free Derby website at www.smokefreederby.co.uk or contact Fresh Start on 01332 224019.

Disability Equality Events

The PCT and NHS Trusts across Derbyshire organised two Disability Equality Events in November. The first was held at The Spot in Derby and asked over 100 local disabled people, carers and advocates for their views on how we can make a first class health service for disabled people in Derbyshire. The second event, held at Kingsway Hospital, asked how disabled people should be involved in developing future services and how they can be empowered to scrutinise the NHS on delivering disabled people's recommendations.

Both events were very successful and allowed us to gather a large number of recommendations. This information was used to put together our Disability Equality Scheme which is now available on the PCT website at www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk

Health Panel

Derby City PCT's Health Panel is made up of people who are registered with GPs in Derby city and have an interest in health and healthcare issues.

The Health Panel will provide you with regular opportunities to get involved. All members receive informative newsletters, opinion questionnaires and invitations to local health events. You can also decide if you would like to be invited to:

- take part in issue-based meetings or focus groups
- comment on PCT publications before they are printed
- join a committee or steering group around a specific issue.

To find out more of to join the Health Panel please contact S Robey on 01332 224000 ext 6484 or visit www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk and click on 'Having Your Say'

Central and Greater Derby PCTs' Annual Report 2005-06

Central and Greater Derby PCTs Annual Report for 2005-06 is now available. For a copy of the report please contact us on 01332 224000, ext 6341 or visit www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk

Area Panels are welcome to contact the PCT with questions, or to invite a representative from the PCT to speak at an Area Panel meeting of there is a particular subject of interest to the Panel.

If you have any questions you can either direct them through the Area Panel Manager – Richard Smail on 01332 258505 or contact us direct:

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