

Health briefing

Area Panel Five

September 2006

Welcome to our 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.

In this issue

In this issue you will find details of:

- Derby's Walk-in Centre
- Department of Health's consultations on smoking
- Annual General Meeting – AGM
- Health Matters newsletter.

Walk in Centre

Work started on the new Walk-in Centre at the end of June when the PCTs, Derby Hospital and GF Tomlinson Building Ltd met to turn the first sod for the new building.

NHS Walk-in Centres are designed to provide quick access to advice and treatment for minor ailments. Derby's Walk-in Centre will be located at the junction of Osmaston Road and Litchurch Street – on the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary site.



The Walk-in Centre will offer healthcare information and treatment for:

- coughs and colds
- minor cuts and bruises
- skin complaints
- men's and women's health problems
- those needing emergency contraception.

It will also offer information around health promotion, healthy eating, smoking cessation and sexual health and will be a base for other services such as Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services, Out of Hours Service and Pharmacy Services. The new centre is due to open in April 2007.

Department of Health Consultations

The Department of Health has recently announced two consultations relating to smoking.

The smoke free premises and vehicles consultation outlines proposals for regulations to be made under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Health Bill. The consultation document asks questions on issues where the Department would like feedback and they welcome other comments on any aspect of the proposals. The closing date for responses is Monday 9 October 2006.

The other consultation is on the under age sale of tobacco. This consultation invites views on:

- changing the minimum age for sale of tobacco
- sanctions against retailers for breaking the law.

The Department would also welcome suggestions on any other measures that might help to reduce smoking among young people.

The closing date for this consultation is Monday 2 October 2006.

For copies of the consultation documents and more information, please visit the Department of Health's website at www.dh.gov.uk Click on 'consultations' and select 'live consultations' to view all open consultations.

Annual General Meeting

Central and Greater Derby PCTs will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 27 September from 2pm to 6pm in the Darwin Suite at the Assembly Rooms, Derby. The AGM will form part of a Health Day with health information and interactive displays. Our Annual Report 2005/06 will also be available at the AGM.

Health Matters Newsletter

The latest edition of Health Matters has been distributed to clinics, practices, community groups, libraries and hairdressers across the city. This newsletter, produced by the PCTs, aims to keep people informed of what's happening in healthcare in Derby city.

If you would like to receive a copy of Health Matters (issued three times a year) please send your name and address to:

FREEPOST NAT21538, Corporate Communications Health Matters, Central and Greater Derby PCTs, DERBY DE1 2BR

We will only use your details for sending out Health Matters.

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 if there is a particular subject of interest to the Panel.

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