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Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) is the name of the NHS organisation in Oxfordshire that commissions local healthcare services. OCCG has been formed from GP's within Oxfordshire to create one county wide clinician led commissioning group.

- **Oxfordshire CCG Governing Body Meetings, to view papers [click here.](#)**

Thursday 29 May	9.00am – 12.30pm	Jubilee House, Oxford Business Park South, OX4 2LH
Thursday 31 July	9.00am – 12.30pm	To be confirmed Jubilee House, Oxford
Thursday 25 September	9.00am – 12.30pm	Business Park South, OX4 2LH
Thursday 27 November	9.00am – 12.30pm	To be confirmed

- **Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny meeting, to view papers [click here.](#)**

3 July 2014 - 10am



- **Non Emergency Patient Transport Services:**

A consultation will launch on 30 May until 8 August seeking the views of patients and the public on proposals to the eligibility criteria for non emergency patient transport services in Oxfordshire. The pre-consultation documents are available as part of the CCG governing body papers for May here. The full consultation will be publicised [here.](#)

- Follow up survey: How do you access health services in Oxfordshire? We asked you in the Autumn, how you access health services, since then we have provided more information in the community and we are keen to understand if people's views have

changed. This survey will enable us to directly compare the results to see if people's awareness of services have changed. The answer the survey [click here](#).



- **Do you know someone that has an opinion on health? – tell them about Talking Health!**

Over the years we have received some really valuable feedback from Talking Health members on various changes to health services and proposals for strategies to shape our work. We'd like to spread the net further and continue to get new people involved, so that they can share their opinions of health services. If you know someone that you think might like to sign up, ask them to visit <http://bit.ly/OxonTalkingHealth>, email cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net or call Julia Stackhouse on 01865 334638



- 'Managing your Child's Health' A booklet which provides valuable advice to parents about what to do and where to go when their child is ill or injured will be available later this month (May), has been produced and will be distributed to GPs, pharmacies, hospitals, health centres and other outlets throughout the county. The 36 page booklet offers guidance on everything from meningitis to teething trouble and also includes tips on the best places to go for treatment and advice.
- Have you used NHS Services in the last 2 years, why not tell us about your experience? A new patient experience survey has been set up so you can share your stories of the local NHS with us. Please take the time to share your story with us, [here](#).



- **PPG Awareness Week 1 - 7 June - Read our press release [here](#).** We are encouraging people to join their local patient participation group in the GP surgery. PPGs are coming together to have a wider say on how health services are developed in the county. If you are part of a PPG and want to find out more about what is going on in your area of Oxfordshire, please email julia.stackhouse@nhs.net

What else is going on

NHS England Patient and Information Directorate Open House Day: 17 June 2014,
10.00am-3.00pm
The Ark Conference Centre, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9NN

The Patients and Information Directorate at NHS England invites you to the second national Open House event. Building on the first event in January we are pleased to announce that the June event will take place simultaneously in four venues across England, enabling a far greater number of people to attend.

These events are aimed primarily at patients, the public and colleagues from the voluntary and community sector in England. A limited number of places are available for other colleagues including NHS organisations, professional bodies and those with an interest in policy.

As well as hearing about national programmes such as care.data at this Basingstoke event, you will be able to meet some of the NHS England team in the South and participate in workshops covering:

- Patient participation in general practice: This session will explore how you can be involved in the changes in general practice, including the introduction of the Friends and Family Test and changes to the GP contract in relation to Patient Participation Groups
- Patients Online: This session will enable you to find out more about our work to increase the number of patients who can access their health records online, book GP appointments online and order repeat prescriptions, and how you can help this to happen

We would like to invite you to attend the event in Basingstoke. To book your place go to <http://www.events.england.nhs.uk/all/114> and register, then you can book your place.



A Healthwatch update is available [here](#).



National Carers Week which runs from 9-15 June. This year, Carers Week will see the launch of the Carers Week Quest – an exciting new initiative to encourage organisations and individuals in local communities to work together to reach out to carers. Its aim is to engage with the thousands of people who are missing out on services that can help them with their caring role and we are working very closely with our many partner organisations in the county to achieve this objective. ‘Carers Oxfordshire’ have already pledged their support to this quest.

National Carers Rights Day will be on Friday 28th November 2014, so please put this date in your diaries! We are already planning another Carers Conference for this day following the success of last year's event, so watch this space for more details later in the year!

For more information, advice and support for carers do please check out our website www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk or telephone 0845 0507666.

Mens Health Week: 9 June - 15 June focuses on health and work, please see the following link: [Mens health week](#)

You can find out more about Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) by visiting www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk.

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