

Listening exercise draws to a close

Tuesday 31 May was the last day to send comments for the NHS Future Forum to consider in the listening exercise. The Forum will now submit its report to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and the Health Secretary in June. The government will consider the Forum's findings and then publish its official response.

Latest information can be found at: <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/>

Public Health Update

Public health milestones

The Department of Health have asked SHAs to identify appropriate milestones against which progress will be measured through 2011/12. A number of these milestones have now been drafted and shared with local Directors of Public Health. These include:

- December 2011 - Confirmation of position of local DPH
- March 2012 - Public health and GP input to local health and wellbeing boards
- March 2012 - "Shadow" year budgets agreed

Milestones are being shared with the emerging Public Health England and with other SHAs, with a view to creating a single list and a single reporting structure locally. This will be discussed at a workshop for all SHAs on 17 June.

This work is part of a wider exercise by the DH to develop milestones for the QIPP and reform agenda, which will include milestones on commissioning development and provider development.

A full list of public health milestones is available from carol.massey@yorksandhumber.nhs.uk. If you have any comments about the milestones, please email Carol at the email address above.

Select Committee – Public Health

The Health Select Committee has decided to review the proposed changes for public health. It will be taking evidence from a wide variety of stakeholders and public health professionals over the next few weeks. Terms of reference are available at: www.parliament.uk/healthcom

The deadline for submitting evidence is 13 June 2011.

National Association of Primary Care (NAPC) and NHS Yorkshire and the Humber event

Tuesday 12 July, Cedar Court Hotel Wakefield, 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

We are very pleased to announce that Sir John Oldham, GP and the National Clinical Lead for Productivity and Quality from the Department of Health, will now be attending the event.

Sir John will lead a discussion around support to commission and deliver improved care for patients with long term conditions. This is a great opportunity to hear about this critical area of work for GP consortia and others.

Other topics covered at the event, aimed at those working in primary care, include predictive modelling and lessons from London and abroad.

To register for the event please contact Richard.woolley@nhs.net

Forthcoming Events

- **Health and Social Care Conference**

Date: Wednesday 14th September 2011

Time: 8.40am - 4.40pm

Venue: Central London

This conference will offer an opportunity to discuss the Government's plans for reforming the health sector. Key topics will include: GP commissioning pathfinder schemes, the importance of working with the private sector to deliver healthcare services and the emerging priorities for the National Health Service.

Full information can be found at: <http://govknow.com/event-detail.html?id=13&info=overview>

- **National Association for Patient Participation Annual Conference – "Patients Matter" Developing a stronger voice for patients in raising the quality of healthcare.**

Date: Saturday 11 June 2011

Time: 9.30am – 4.15pm

Venue: The Grange Hotel, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1DF

This conference, aimed at patient participation groups, members of GP consortia, GP practice managers, practice nurses, and PCT patient engagement leads, will be an opportunity to hear more about the future of the NHS and the role PPGs can play.

Further information can be found at: www.napp.org.uk/napp/conference-agm/

Key messages from the Regional Transition Sub Group

The regional transition sub group met on 19 May. The group, a sub-group of the regional social partnership forum, facilitates the transition programme resulting from the White Paper.

The key outcomes of the meeting were:

- The publication of the national HR transition guidance framework which is expected to set out the key principles in relation to best practice HR during change, has been delayed due to minister's view that it should be released after the pause and listening exercise.
- Feedback on cluster intentions regarding the retention and exit terms scheme (RETS) was discussed and it was agreed that until the outcomes of the listening exercise are determined, it is too early to respond.
- Clusters provided an update on the developments of GP Consortia and commissioning support organisations
- Clusters confirmed that their plans on assigning staff for transition - to support the emerging GP consortia and associated commissioning support functions - have been developed in partnership with staff side and GP Consortia. Clusters were asked to submit the latest version of their assignment plans as the regional social partnership forum will be monitoring this going forward.