

Health Together



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Our Wyre Forest CCG Public & Patient Membership Event

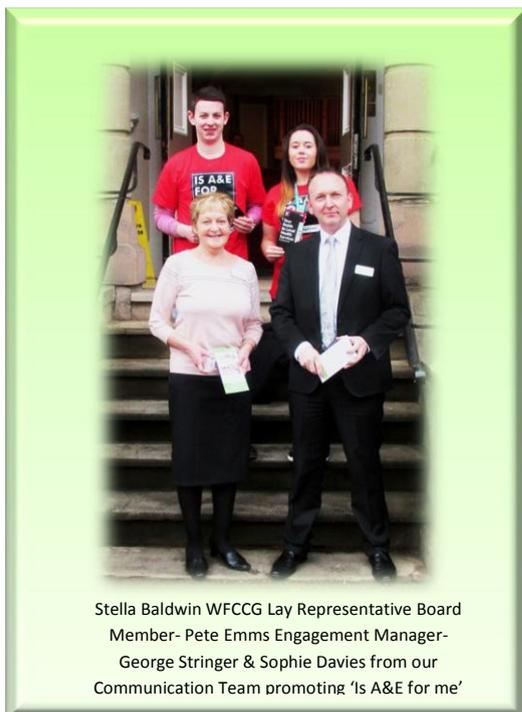
Wyre Forest Public & Patient Membership Event was held Thursday 20th February at Wyre Forest District Council. This meeting was held for Level's 2&3 PPI Members to give them insight into what initiatives are currently available in Wyre Forest CCG.

Dr Simon Rumley our Chair and Clinical Lead, gave an overview of the CCG and the progress it has made over the last year. He also shared some CCG success stories including an innovative care home project which picked up a NHS Alliance Acorn Award this year, (details of this can be found at www.wyreforestccg.nhs.uk).

Katrina Willets who coordinates the **Community Wellbeing Buddies** discussed this new initiative where the Community Wellbeing Buddies recruits volunteers for this initiative. **Helen Bryant** our **Individual Funding Requests (IFR)** Manager gave a very detailed and informative presentation on how our PPI Members could be involved on the IFR panels and be involved in the decision making process. **Sam Hill** our Primary Care Engagement and Project Manager presented on our new **'Secret Shopper'** initiative where our PPI Members can become a Secret Shopper and help maintain the quality of service delivered by our Practices in Wyre Forest. Information was also given on our **Level 3 Quality Assurance visits** where our PPI Members visit various Care Homes and wards on inspection visits.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the event.

If you would like to be involved in any of our PPI Membership scheme or receive further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Stella Baldwin WFCG Lay Representative Board Member- Pete Emms Engagement Manager- George Stringer & Sophie Davies from our Communication Team promoting 'Is A&E for me'

Voluntary and Community Sector?

If you are a VCS organization and are not already a member of our Wyre Forest CCG VCS scheme, get in touch so we can look at developing ways of working together to benefit everyone in Wyre Forest!



Residents have been given extra time to give their views on the future of urgent care services across Worcestershire.

The deadline has been extended for a further three weeks until **Wednesday 9th April** following feedback from Worcestershire's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee who wanted to see the timescale for engagement lengthened.

NHS organisations across Worcestershire have jointly produced a Draft Urgent Care Strategy, which sets out how the local NHS proposes to improve urgent care services.

The strategy looks at how urgent care services will be delivered in the future, to best meet the needs of Worcestershire's population.

Members of the public have until **Wednesday 9th April** to comment on the draft strategy, which can be found at www.wyreforestccg.nhs.uk/getting-involved/urgent-care. There are other ways to get involved in the conversation, including on Twitter by using **#urgentcareworcs** or by emailing ccgcomms@worcestershire.nhs.uk

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NHS Wyre Forest Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is supporting a new campaign from NHS England called '**The earlier, the better**'. The campaign has been launched to encourage people to seek help early on from their local pharmacist if they're feeling under the weather.

It's especially important over the winter months that elderly people seek early treatment themselves or tell a friend, family member or carer if they have a bad cough, cold or sore throat to prevent it getting worse.

The campaign asks those caring for or visiting an elderly relative to get advice from their local pharmacist or from www.nhs.uk/asap to prevent a minor illness developing into something more serious.

Over 60 and feeling under the weather?

See your local pharmacist or go to www.nhs.uk/asap
The earlier, the better.