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CCG Volunteers Newsletter

NHS Leeds CCG

This weekly newsletter intends to bring you up to speed with any opportunities and news relevant to your role as a CCG volunteer.

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For any suggestions about how we can improve this newsletter please email Adam on adam.stewart1@nhs.net or Andra on andra.szabo@nhs.net.

News

This section is about any news relevant to the CCG or CCG volunteers programme.

Communications and Engagement Report – January – February 2019 - NEW

On a bi-monthly basis, we aim to publish a communications and engagement report which details our communication and engagement activities over the course of that two monthly timeframe.

We have recently published our report for the months January and February 2019.

You can view the report here:

https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/content/uploads/2019/03/CET_report_2019_0102.pdf

Engage magazine - NEW

The CCG produces a quarterly magazine, called 'Engage', to keep the Leeds community up-to-date with what's going on:

<https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/publications/engage-magazine-issue-15-spring-2019/>

The Comms team are already planning the summer edition, and have set aside 2 pages for news about Engagement activities. One of these pages will cover the 'You said, We did' headlines for a recent engagement project, and the other page has been set aside to highlight your roles as CCG Volunteers.

We would like ideas from you about what you think the people of Leeds need to know, or would like to know, about your role as CCG Volunteers.

You might want to use a case study or quotes, or some other way of highlighting what you do. You may even be happy to have a photo of yourself on the page... who knows!

But whatever you decide, we need to finalise the page by 26 April – so we need you to send us any ideas **by the 12 April**.

Please forward any ideas you have to caroline.mackay2@nhs.net.

Big Leeds Chat – Hold the date - **NEW**

You might remember us talking about the Big Leeds Chat event last year. The Big Leeds Chat was a partnership event that brought together all the health and social care providers (including voluntary sector) for the first time. The event offered the opportunity for people in Leeds to share their views about Leeds and find out more about what we are doing as a city to develop a healthy and sustainable future in health and social care.

To find out more about Big Leeds Chat and how the event went please visit the Healthwatch Leeds website: <https://healthwatchleeds.co.uk/our-work/bigleedschat/>

As the event was really successful we are now planning the second Big Leeds Chat. This year we aim to have a series of events in different areas of the city alongside the one at the Leeds Market.

We would appreciate your support at the event this year. So please hold the following dates in your calendar:

- **Friday 18 Oct 2019, from 10am to 2pm**, for the Leeds Market event
- **Week commencing the 14 Oct 2018 (provisionally)** for the local events. We will let you know the dates and times for the local events as soon as we know more.

Please note that there is an opportunity for a CCG volunteer to be involved in the working group as well, so check the Opportunities section for it.

If you have any questions please contact Chris, chris.bridle@nhs.net

CCG Volunteer Bio

As we have spoken about previously, we're very keen to have a page on our website introducing our volunteers in a 'Meet Our Volunteers' type page. On there we would like a photo of you (or a picture that represents you) with your name and a short bio with a little bit about you and why you're a volunteer.

We're asking all our volunteers to complete a short bio that we can use on the website. You can find the bio here:

<https://www.leedscg.nhs.uk/content/uploads/2019/01/Volunteer-Bio-Template.docx>

Many thanks to Tricia, Sue, Dave, Dick, Pauline and John for sending their completed bio through. Check them out on our 'Meet our volunteers' page here:




<https://www.leedscg.nhs.uk/get-involved/ccg-volunteer/meet-our-volunteers/>.

There are still **five** outstanding bios, if you get chance to send a short bio and a photo over it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please get in touch with your mentor.

CCG Volunteer mandatory training

Many thanks to everyone who sent their availability for the mandatory training. We have now picked a date for it based on the majority of votes. Please see below the details. If you cannot make it that day, don't worry as we will book another session for those of you who couldn't attend it.

-  **Tuesday 7 May 2019**
-  **10am – 4pm**
-  **Venue to be confirmed soon**

If you have any questions about the training please contact Helen, hbutters@nhs.net or Caroline, caroline.mackay2@nhs.net.

We will be in touch soon to confirm the location of training.

CCG volunteer programme review session

-  **Wednesday 22 May 2019**
-  **1pm – 5pm**
-  **Room 8, WIRA house**

You are invited to join our conversations about the CCG volunteers programme. This meeting will provide an opportunity to look at how this programme is going, what has been achieved so far and what needs to improve.

More information about the meeting will be circulated closer to the date. If you would like to attend the meeting or have any questions please contact Caroline - caroline.mackay2@nhs.net.

Patient Assurance Group (PAG) -

This section is about any news or updates about PAG. Please note that this section will not include PAG papers as they will be sent separately by the Governance team at the appropriate time.



Next formal PAG meeting CANCELLED – Wednesday 3 April 2019 – due to a lack of agenda items, the meeting on the 3 April has been cancelled. Details of the next PAG meeting are below.

Following completion of the last Doodle Poll, the following volunteers have been selected to attend the **May** PAG meeting:

Wed 1 May 2019, WIRA House, 2pm – 4pm:

Leanne Winfield, Kath Newton, Stephen Elsmere and a fourth to be confirmed.

In addition, we have the dates for PAG meetings for the next year, through until March 2020. If you haven't done so already, please complete [Doodle Poll](#) to confirm your availability.

Wed 5 th June 2019	Wed 6 th November 2019
Wed 10 th July 2019	Wed 4 th December 2019
Wed 7 th August 2019	Wed 8 th January 2020
Wed 4 th September 2019	Wed 5 th Feb 2020
Wed 2 nd October 2019	Wed 4 th March 2020

Please can you let Caroline know about your availability for all the above on caroline.mackay2@nhs.net or call 0113 843 5470.

Opportunities

Here are the current opportunities we have for volunteers to get involved in projects. If you are interested in any of the opportunities or would like more information, please contact the relevant person in the engagement team.



Title	Child and Family Health Hubs
Project Summary	A new service is being trialled in a small number of GP practices in Leeds. In this service, children who need to be seen by a Consultant Paediatrician can see them at their GP practice alongside their regular GP, rather than being referred to hospital. We need a volunteer to support local children and families by helping them to complete surveys after their appointment to evaluate how well the new service is working for them. This would involve using an iPad, directing people to either a parent's or children's survey, or helping them answer the questions if they need support.
How long the project runs for	Ongoing
Frequency of meetings	The clinic runs on the first Thursday of every month, 1:30-4:30pm
Number of Volunteers needed	No limit
Engagement Team contact	Gemma - gemma.kierczuk@nhs.net
Closing date to express interest	Ongoing

Title	Big Leeds Chat - NEW
Project Summary	<p>This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the planning of the second Big Leeds Chat event.</p> <p>The Big Leeds is a new way of listening to people in Leeds. It brings together the most senior decision makers in health and care, working together as one health and care team, to talk to the people of Leeds about what matters to them. The event is an opportunity for these organisations to engage with the public about the future of health and social care in the city. To find out more please visit: https://healthwatchleeds.co.uk/our-work/bigleedschat/</p> <p>We would like one of our volunteers to work with us and the other health and social care partners in planning the next event. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of city wide project and have a city wide impact.</p>
How long the project runs for	Until end of October 2019 with the possibility for further involvement in the planning of any Big Leeds Chat future events.
Frequency of meetings	One a month, usually up to 2 hours at Old Fire Station.
Number of Volunteers needed	One volunteer
Engagement Team contact	Chris Bridle Tel: 0113 8435470 Email: chris.bridle@nhs.net
Closing date to express interest	28 April 2019

Current engagements

Below are current live engagements that we're aware of. These are engagements where people can offer their feedback and have a say, usually through a survey. Other chances to get involved such as project groups, recruitment opportunities etc. will be listed in the 'Opportunities' section.

If you are aware of other engagements that we have not listed, please get in touch with Adam or Andra and let us know and we will happily share in the next newsletter.

Please take the time to complete the survey and share it with friends, relatives, colleagues and other contacts you may have in your community.

Any updates regarding our engagement projects can be found on our website on our consultations page: www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/consultations/

Mental Health Crisis Services (Closes 31.03.19) – LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Healthwatch Leeds are looking at mental health Crisis services in Leeds. Have you used the service? Do you know anyone who has experience of Mental Health Crisis in Leeds?

If you are interested to have your say and help shape future crisis services please fill in their short survey here: <https://bit.ly/2Tu1cMq>

As with all our engagement, please share this in any networks or opportunities you may have.

Urgent Treatment Centres (21.01.19 – 15.04.19)

The NHS Leeds CCG is running a high-level engagement on Urgent Treatment Centres (UTC). The proposal is to establish five new UTCs in the city, two out of existing centres, two 'co-located' out of A&E and a new site in east Leeds, probably Seacroft.

The engagement is of great importance to the CCG and we would expect all our volunteers to offer their feedback on the engagement by completing the [survey](#) at the below link, as well as sharing and promoting the engagement in all appropriate avenues.

Many thanks to Sue, Pauline, Dick, Kath, John and Leanne for their help supporting this so far by:

- Sharing copies of surveys with friends and families.

- Sharing copies of surveys with PPGs
- Discussing the engagement at different meetings around the city
- Signing up to support several of the drop-ins/events

It isn't too late to get involved. We would appreciate more support with our drop-ins and events. If you think you can help out please let Adam know.




More information about the events and drop-ins, such as times and venues, can be found on our website here: <https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/utcevents/>

If you have any questions, please contact adam.stewart1@nhs.net

Upcoming events

This section is about any upcoming events that might be of interest to you.

The King's Fund - The NHS long-term plan and mental health: a positive way forward?




-  **Thursday 28 March 2019**
-  **1pm – 2pm**
-  **Online**

The NHS long-term plan allocates more money for mental health services and seeks to make the UK a world leader when it comes to the support and treatment it offers those who need it.

This free live online event will bring together system leaders, specialist providers and user and patient representatives to assess the aims of the long-term plan and debate whether it goes far enough.

You can register for the event on [Kings' fund website](#)

The King's Fund - Urgent and emergency care: integrating services to improve patient flow

-  **Thursday 9 May 2019**
-  **9am – 5pm**
-  **The King's Fund, London, W1G 0AN**

This conference provides local areas with guidance on the new requirements and key milestones set out in the long-term plan. You will hear evidence-based examples

from areas delivering better integration between A&E departments and other services that provide and support urgent treatments, so patients get the right care in the right place.

There are bursary places available for patients and carers

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/urgent-and-emergency-care-2#what-will-you-learn>

The King's Fund - Mental health in primary and community care



Wednesday 12 June 2019



8.30am-4.45pm



The King's Fund, London, W1G 0AN

Session topics include:

- what integration looks like in practice and why bringing together health and community services matters
- how GPs view mental health in their practice under the lens of the long-term plan and recent policy developments
- social prescribing as a tool for GPs
- the role of primary care in prevention and promotion of mental health
- how to diagnose and treat children and young people to pave the way for adult mental wellbeing
- providing psychological support for people not meeting referral needs.

There are bursary places available for patients and carers.

For more information and how to register please visit:

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/mental-health-primary-and-community-care#about>

Training

This section is about any training available in the next few weeks.

Engagement Hub Update – No training between Jan – Jun 2019

As part of our ongoing evaluation of the training programme we have decided to pause our delivery of a scheduled training calendar and review our provision. There are several reasons for this, including; poor attendance and high cancellation rates (we've cancelled more sessions than ran over the last five months) as well as ongoing discussions with our partner organisations about the need to nail down processes and ways of working going forward.

We're going to use the 'fallow' six month period to evaluate the engagement hub work and see what it is going to look like with everything kicking back into gear by July 2019. The survey is **now closed** and we are in the process of evaluating the responses.

Thank you to everyone who had their say. We'll share the report with you once it is complete.

CCG Volunteers Peer Support

This section is about opportunities for CCG Volunteers to be involved in peer support. There will be updates around peer support meetings and other opportunities to liaise with fellow volunteers in order to support one another.

2019 - Peer Support Meetings

We have booked room 4 at WIRA House for two dates in 2019 where CCG Volunteers can come along and catch up with one another and offer each other support. These meetings, at present, do not have a formal agenda and will be directed by volunteers in attendance.

A couple of members of the CCG engagement team will be in attendance to support.

Dates are:

Monday 20 May 2019, 6pm – 8pm – WIRA House, LS16 6EB

Thursday 24 October 2019, 1:30pm – 3:30pm – WIRA House, LS16 6EB

Resources

This section is about any information that would be relevant to your role, such as information about NHS, commissioning, etc. We will occasionally post recent reports and evaluations here also.

If you are aware of any resources that you would like to share with us or your fellow volunteers please send them to Adam adam.stewart1@nhs.net or Andra andra.szabo@nhs.net

1. How NHS works

King's fund video about how NHS works in England - www.kingsfund.org.uk/audio-video/how-does-nhs-in-england-work

2. Commissioning for outcomes – measuring what really matters

<https://www.health.org.uk/sites/health/files/MeasuringWhatReallyMatters.pdf>

3. Five Year Forward View (FYFV)

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/5yfv-web.pdf>

4. Leeds Health and Care Plan

<http://inspiringchangeleeds.org/ambition/lhcp/>

5. NHS Long Term Plan

<https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>

6. NHS Leeds CCG - Strategy Presentation slides

You can find the slides from Tim Ryley's strategy presentation [here](#) .