

## **Connecting Communities**

### **Your Health, Your Voice representatives**

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has recently set up a public and patient participation group called Your Health, Your Voice. It's made up of local people with an interest in healthcare who provide feedback on the latest proposals and consultations. They currently meet every two months on a Thursday evening.

They are keen to make the group as representative of the local population as possible and need people to help with disseminating information about future CCG's consultation to a wider audience and also feedback to the CCG on local people's views regarding the local health service.

It has been agreed that the Chair's from each Forum will initially attend these meetings on behalf of the area. The Vice Chair's will be a substitute. Future Forum meetings will have a standing agenda item for members to raise issues regarding health provision to feedback to the CCG.

### **About the CCG**

B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is the organisation responsible for the planning and buying of local NHS services. The CCG took over from BaNES Primary Care Trust on April 1, 2013. This means that decisions about health care in Bath & North East Somerset are now being made by local GPs.

They have six priorities which are...

1. Care for older people – ensuring older people are not lonely and isolated at home because we think this will mean they are less likely to need to go to hospital
2. Self care and keeping well (Prevention) – encouraging people take good care of themselves thereby needing less medical treatment.
3. Diabetes care – finding new ways to help people to have the support and care they need closer to their homes.
4. Musculoskeletal services - provide really good services that treat bones and muscles, joints and tendons to keep bodies working well.
5. Patient record systems – improve sharing of information to get better medical care and treatment.
6. Urgent care – ensuring patients see the right medical professional at the right time.

For more information about the CCG's five year Strategy Plan.

<http://www.bathandnortheastsomersetccg.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/BANES5yearstrategy.pdf>