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For Thurrock in Thurrock

Local health leaders, NHS Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), are taking the first steps towards an ambitious plan to transform the way health and care services are accessed across the borough. From this week until 31 March 2016, Healthwatch Thurrock will be leading a comprehensive engagement process to share the CCG’s vision For Thurrock in Thurrock.

The vision, For Thurrock in Thurrock, supported by Thurrock Council, will see a new model of health care that would place greater emphasis on neighbourhood based care in communities. Health and social care teams would work closely together to deliver care closer to home, moving away from the current more complex system.

The vision would see district nursing, pharmacy, dentistry and home care teams all working together to develop care plans that are personalised, holistic and delivered by specialist healthcare professionals.

The ultimate aim is to see Thurrock funds and resources used to pay for health and care in Thurrock and for Thurrock people. For example, at the moment Thurrock adults who do not need to be in a hospital bed, but are not fit to be discharged home (intermediate care) can find themselves in any one of six sites across south west Essex. The first phase of this transformation programme therefore would involve moving Thurrock intermediate care to just Thurrock sites, making the best use of existing Thurrock resources.

The CCG’s vision has been captured in their engagement document ‘For Thurrock in Thurrock’, which is being distributed by Healthwatch Thurrock. The document is also available on the CCG website: www.thurrockccg.nhs.uk
Residents are also encouraged to look out for and try to attend one of the public engagement events being organised by Healthwatch Thurrock. Visit the CCG website for details and dates.

Mandy Ansell, (Acting) Interim Accountable Officer, NHS Thurrock CCG, said: “The proposals outlined in For Thurrock in Thurrock are the beginning of an
exciting new direction for the health and care in Thurrock. By working closely together with our local population, providers and stakeholders, we can build services that are better equipped to meet the needs of patients closer, or at home.”

“Please spare some time to read the For Thurrock in Thurrock engagement document and then fill in the survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/ForThurrockinThurrock, to let us know what you think of our plans. It will only take a moment to complete, and we would encourage as many people as possible to respond as these changes will affect us all.”

For a full outline of the proposals, an online version of For Thurrock in Thurrock can be downloaded at the following address: http://thurrockccg.nhs.uk/about-us/our-key-documents/ccg-publications/2394-for-thurrock-in-thurrock/file

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