

Update NYCCG Patient Partner Network – September 2020

Recent media releases and statements to the local press

“The Loop” NYCCG virtual engagement network Group update

There are currently 289 members of The Loop, the CCG’s virtual network for those interested in our work, Members are asked to share details of the network to friends, family and colleagues’ encouraging people to sign up and keep updated on CCG news.

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/home/get-involved/the-loop/>

Patients in North Yorkshire encouraged to access their surgery via the NHS App or GP services online

Patients in North Yorkshire and York can now access a wide range of medical advice and help from their GP surgery through a laptop or smartphone – without needing to visit their practice in person or wait on the phone. The free NHS App – together with the GP practice online service and can be used 24 hours a day.

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/patients-in-north-yorkshire-encouraged-to-access-their-surgery-via-the-nhs-app-or-gp-services-online/>

GP Patient Survey 2020: North Yorkshire practices perform better than the national average on every indicator

Most patients in North Yorkshire rate their GP practice higher than in the rest of the country, according to new data released by NHS England. The GP Patient Survey was completed by 6,367 people in the NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area and in almost every indicator, practices, as a whole, performed above the national average.

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/gp-patient-survey-2020-north-yorkshire-practices-perform-better-than-the-national-average-on-every-indicator/>

Health and Care Partnership appeals for public support to help ensure services resume safely and promptly

NHS and council organisations in Humber, Coast and Vale are appealing for the public’s help as they work together to increase the availability of health and care services, which were restricted, relocated or paused during the coronavirus outbreak. At the outset of the, health and care professionals including hospital teams, GPs, health visitors and pandemic social care staff responded quickly by changing the way they worked.

While some services are returning to how they were before, many of the changes made in response to the pandemic need to remain to maintain patient and staff safety and ensure services are prepared to handle any future increases in Covid-19.

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/health-and-care-partnership-appeals-for-public-support-to-help-ensure-services-resume-safely-and-promptly/>

GP video consultations soar in North Yorkshire during coronavirus pandemic, as doctors encourage patients worried about their health not to put off making an appointment

The number of GP patient appointments in North Yorkshire and York carried out using video consulting has soared during the coronavirus pandemic. NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS Vale of York CCG say doctors in the area have been involved in more than 17,500 virtual consultations with patients over the last four months.

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/gp-video-consultations-soar-in-north-yorkshire-during-coronavirus-pandemic-as-doctors-encourage-patients-worried-about-their-health-not-to-put-off-making-an-appointment/>

£2.7 million upgrade to Glebe House Surgery will create an integrated healthcare hub in the heart of Bedale

Today (July 6) marks the start of a £2.7 million investment in healthcare facilities in Bedale. The project will develop the existing Glebe House Surgery, located on Firby Road, into an integrated healthcare hub for residents of Bedale and the surrounding areas. Construction is due to take 64 weeks and will include a 500 square metre extension and a reconfiguration of the existing building to provide enhanced healthcare.

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/2-7-million-upgrade-to-glebe-house-surgery-will-create-an-integrated-healthcare-hub-in-the-heart-of-bedale/>

NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) advises public to not forget social distancing guidance

NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group is calling on local people to continue to be cautious in their response to the coronavirus pandemic. This is after the Prime Minister's latest announcement relaxing lockdown guidance. Dr Peter Billingsley, the CCG lead for vulnerable people said "We understand the lifting of lockdown restrictions will come as very positive news to a lot of North Yorkshire residents. However, it is still crucial that everyone remembers that the coronavirus pandemic has not gone away, and people must continue to follow the two metre social distancing rule where possible".

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/nhs-north-yorkshire-clinical-commissioning-group-ccg-advises-public-to-not-forget-social-distancing-guidance/>

NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group begins search for Go-To mental health champions

NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has begun a search to recruit Go-To mental health Champions. The Champions' role will involve promoting The Go-To mental health website (www.thegoto.org.uk), launched by NHS North Yorkshire CCG earlier in the summer to help children and young people, and playing an active part in developing fresh content. The CCG is looking for young people, parents and professionals who have an interest in mental health and wellbeing to volunteer and get involved.

<https://www.northyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/nhs-north-yorkshire-clinical-commissioning-group-begins-search-for-go-to-mental-health-champions/>

Flu Update

Please note that people in the 50-64-year old age group will not be vaccinated until November and December, providing there is sufficient vaccine, and no appointments will be offered for this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first. If you are 50-64 and you are in one of the other groups which is eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be invited earlier.

