



*Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby  
Clinical Commissioning Group*

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[Transforming Our Communities consultation begins](#)



Residents of Hambleton and Richmondshire are invited to local consultation events to hear ideas and give feedback around the transformation of community health services.

We'll be sharing a set of options around community health services, including those related to The Lambert Memorial Hospital, Thirsk and the Rutson Ward, Northallerton.

Since we first started engagement in 2013, our public and patients have told us that they want care at home or as close to home as possible. We have heard the same messages this year from recent engagement at our Transforming Our Communities listening events between March and May this year, which have helped form the consultation options.

The three-month consultation will run until Friday 30 September 2016. A panel of experts involved in the work will be on hand at every event to answer any questions that you may have.

For more information and for dates of the consultation events, please visit the [Transforming Our Communities webpage](#) - make sure you have your say.

[Read more](#)

### [Have your say on prescribing gluten free products](#)



Together with NHS Harrogate and Rural District CCG (HaRD CCG) we've announced a period of public engagement around proposals to restrict the prescribing of gluten free products.

In recent years we know there has been a vast increase in the availability and variety of gluten free products in major supermarkets. In the past, these foods were generally only available free on prescription and from pharmacies for those patients with a diagnosis of Coeliac Disease.

The public and patient engagement will run until Thursday 21 July 2016. Feedback from the engagement will be analysed and considered before making a formal decision.

Any member of the public in the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby areas can provide feedback by [completing an online survey](#) or by completing a hard copy questionnaire available from your local surgery or by calling 01609 767600. [Read more](#)

### Top scores for Trust in national patient survey



The results of the Care Quality Commission's annual survey of inpatients have been published this week and South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has been ranked among the best performing trusts in the following areas:

- Emergency/A&E department
- Care and treatment

The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton and a range of community services, have been rated among the best performing trusts within these areas.

Responses to the adult inpatient survey 2015 were received from 612 patients aged 16 and above who had stayed in hospital for at least one night – a response rate of 52% which was higher than the national average of 47%. [Read more](#)

Antibiotic prescriptions reduced by 13%



We have seen a 13% overall reduction in the number of antibiotics prescribed in primary care for the year 2015/16 compared to 2014/15.

The more we use antibiotics, the greater the chance bacteria will become resistant to them and they can no longer be used to treat infections.

Although antibiotics are important medicines for treating bacterial

Choose the right health services challenge!

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Take the 'Choose the right health service challenge' and you could win an iPad Mini 4!

The CCG, together with Heartbeat Alliance have launched the Your Health campaign.

Fill in the quick quiz using the link below and you will automatically be entered into the prize draw. The Challenge closes on 17 July and the winner will be announced on 18 July.

infections, they are not always the answer to treating illness. They do not treat viral illnesses which are often the cause of common coughs and colds.

[Read more](#)

### [Women urged to have their smear tests](#)

The latest statistics from the Health and Social Care Information Centre has alarmingly revealed that more than one in five (21%) of women aged 25-64 in North Yorkshire are not booking in and turning up to a smear test.

The data also finds that women in older age groups are less likely to attend.

CCGs across North Yorkshire are urging all women to pick up the phone when they receive an appointment letter and book their smear test in – it could save their life. [Read more](#)

### [Dementia Collaborative Meeting](#)

Prize donated by Standout Media Ltd. [Read more](#)

### [St Teresa's Hospice special celebration](#)

Hundreds of guests were given a first glimpse of a pioneering hospice's new in-patient unit, on Wednesday 8 June 2016.

Darlington's St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington, opened the doors of the £1.2m building that will offer a five-star service to patients across the North-East.

The launch of the new facility saw around 200 people join Darlington's mayor and mayoress. [Read more](#)

### [Sporting Memories at Thirsk Library](#)

The Sporting Memories Foundation support older people across the UK living with dementia, depression and

The next Hambleton and Richmondshire Dementia Collaborative meeting will be held on 20 July, starting at 10am at Alzheimer's Society Day Centre, Blue Bell House, Thurston Way, Darlington Road Industrial Estate, Northallerton DL6 2NJ.

Please come along.

Should you require any further information please contact Natalie Murray at the CCG on 01609 767647 or via email: [natalie.murray4@nhs.net](mailto:natalie.murray4@nhs.net)

### North Richmondshire - Bus service survey

Richmondshire District Council are looking to gain the views of residents, businesses and visitors of the North Richmondshire area on a potential new bus service.

This project has been discussed at the North Richmondshire Community Partnership meeting where the general consensus was that there is a need for such a service.

You can complete the [survey online](#) or

loneliness by engaging them in social activities.

After the success of the Northallerton group, there is now a group at Thirsk Library. For details contact Matthew Jones on 01609 535016 or email [matthew.jones@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.jones@northyorks.gov.uk)

### Join a community equipment wheelchair & services group

The new group – a forum for people using Community Equipment and Wheelchair Services – will help with the re-procurement of community equipment and wheelchair services, as well as providing regular opportunities to share experiences/feedback on services.

The group is looking for at least 10-12 people who want to be involved regularly.

For further information please email [healthwatch@yorkcvs.org.uk](mailto:healthwatch@yorkcvs.org.uk) or call 01904 621133.

you can [print of a hard copy](#) to complete.

The closing date for completed responses is Friday 8 July 2016.

### Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 5 July** - Joint Commissioning of Primary Care Committee meeting, 3pm - 5pm (CCG offices)
- **Thursday 28 July** - Governing Body meeting, 10am - 1pm (Green Lane Centre, Whitby YO22 4EH)

### Contacting your HEN Representative

As a member, you can directly contact your Health Engagement Network representative:

- **Hambleton** – Ken Elliott – [hambleton.hen@nhs.net](mailto:hambleton.hen@nhs.net)
- **Richmondshire** – Jane Ritchie MBE – [richmondshire.hen@nhs.net](mailto:richmondshire.hen@nhs.net)
- **Whitby and surrounding area** – Linda Lloyd – [whitby.hen@nhs.net](mailto:whitby.hen@nhs.net)

Please help us to grow our network! Membership forms can be completed online or downloaded from our [website](#)



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