



Bulletin update

Amendment to Kent LINK Bulletin (28 August 2010)

Dear Reader

Below is an amendment to the August edition of the Kent LINK Bulletin. This relates to item 4 in the 'Consultation – have your say' section headed 'NHS West Kent - women and children's services' where inadvertently two separate activities were incorporated into one article.

We apologise for any inconvenience that may have been caused this oversight.

The Kent LINK Team

4a. NHS West Kent - women and children's services

For information

The NHS has begun its engagement to hear thoughts and concerns about the new women and children's services in West Kent. This is to ensure the views of local people influence the implementation plans for women and children's services.

All the information will be drawn together so that everyone can work together to develop genuine ways to address the concerns that have been raised around issues including transport, communication about the changes, impact of population growth and choice for women in Maidstone.

A focus group was held with the Kent LINK, one of 16 to take place so far, with those taking part including other patient representative groups, maternity and childbirth groups and clinicians. There were also a range of 1-2-1 interviews with individuals including local people, councillors and GPs. All the information will be drawn together so everyone can collaborate to develop genuine ways to address all the concerns raised.

Local people are also being asked to feedback via the NHS West Kent website:
www.westkentpct.nhs.uk/Share_your_point_of_view/Live_consultations/index.html

If you would like to be involved or want more information contact Emma Cain, NHS West Kent, Wharf House, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge, TN9 1RE, telephone 01732 375287, email emma.cain@wkpct.nhs.uk or visit the website:
www.westkentpct.nhs.uk/Share_your_point_of_view/Live_consultations/index.html

4b. Women's (Maternity) and Children's Services provided at Maidstone Hospital

Public meeting: Thursday, 9 September 2010

A public meeting has been organised by Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council to discuss the proposed changes in Maternity and Children's Services at Maidstone Hospital. It is to be held on Thursday, 9 September 2010 from 7.15pm to 9.45pm at Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone, ME14 7RN. Speakers will include local MPs and representatives from Kent County Council, Maidstone Borough Council, the local NHS and GPs and MASH (a campaigning group).

For further information contact Steve Charman, Community Engagement Manager, Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ, email: steve.charman@kent.gov.uk or telephone 01622 694008.

Expenses

Please note that in accordance with the LINK's Governance, expenses are not reimbursable for attendance at events shown in this publication.

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