

Get involved - have your say on local health services

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As a local resident, your views of local health services are really important to us, so we're contacting you to let know about two current health care engagement exercises which you are invited to get involved in.

Review of urgent care in south Sefton - survey closes soon!

Last month, NHS South Sefton CCG began a review of local urgent care services to help shape future services and is encouraging residents to get involved and share their views and experiences by completing a survey.

Urgent care describes a wide range of services that adults, young people and children can access immediately or on the same day for both physical and mental health problems. This covers services at pharmacies, GP practices, GP out of hours services, the NHS 111 phone line and website, walk-in centres, accident and emergency (A&E) departments and 999.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed a survey. If you haven't had chance to do this yet, or you would like to find out more, please see the [attached flyer](#) or visit the [CCG's website](#) where you can also complete the [online survey](#).

If you need support to complete the survey, or you require a paper version or a different format or language, please call Freephone 0800 206 1304, email info@healthwatchsefton.co.uk or text 07434 810 438.

As the current engagement exercise ends on 31 January 2019 please take some time to complete the survey and share your views!

National consultation on prescribing of low priority items

NHS England (NHSE) and NHS Clinical Commissioners (NHSCC) recently launched a new national consultation to support the review of eight items currently available on prescription, which are considered to be of low clinical priority and which cost the NHS more than £68 million per year.

The items which are being reviewed are listed below:

- Silk garments
- Aliskiren – used to treat blood pressure
- Amiodarone – used to treat abnormal heart rhythms
- Bath and shower emollient preparations
- Dronedarone – used to treat atrial fibrillation
- Minocycline – used to treat acne
- Blood glucose testing strips for type 2 diabetes
- Needles for prefilled and reusable insulin pens for diabetes

If you or someone you know currently receives these items on prescription, or as a Sefton resident we'd encourage you to get involved in the review and share your views. Please visit the [CCG's website](#) for further information and to complete an [online survey](#).

Please note, the consultation is being led by NHS England and will run until 28 February 2019.