

NHS Update - opportunities to get involved

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Have your say on Sefton health policies review

The latest phase of the local health policies review is asking for views from patients, carers and clinicians.

This is the third phase of the policy review of over 100 policies, which aims to keep NHS care up to date with the latest national clinical guidelines, methods and technology, whilst also making the best use of NHS resources.

The policies that we are asking local people to provide views on in this latest phase are:

- Continuous glucose monitoring systems
- Cough assist devices
- Insulin pumps
- Secondary care administered peripheral joint injections
- Surgery for prostatism or lower urinary tract infections
- Transanal irrigation

At the same time, the CCGs are letting people know about updates to their policy for Botulinum toxin treatments, bringing it in line with national guidance from NICE, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence and the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee.

We are encouraging residents who have experience of these treatments, either as a patient or carer, to get involved by completing a survey. Further information about the review and a link to the survey are available here on the [CCG's website](#).

The feedback gathered will be used to help develop new or revised policies.

If you do not have access to the internet and require paper copies of the information and survey, or you require these in other formats, please email mlcsu.involvement@nhs.net or call the team on 01782 872506.

Call for views on proposals to help the NHS deliver its Long Term Plan

As part of a national engagement exercise, NHS England and NHS Improvement has launched a call for views on how targeted amendments to the law could help local and national health organisations work together more effectively to improve services for patients.

The suggestions include changing the law to:

- Encourage local health organisations to work more closely together, towards a shared goal of improving the health of the communities they serve, the quality of services, and the sustainability of the NHS;
- Reduce delays and costs associated with current procurement processes, while maintaining patient choice and introducing a new 'best value' test to ensure value for money for taxpayers;
- Allow different health organisations – such as hospitals, groups of GPs and voluntary groups and social enterprises – to come together to provide joined-up services which better meet the needs of local people in partnership with local government, and;
- Remove the barriers to greater coordination between the national NHS organisations, creating a single national voice for the NHS and making it easier to work together on the most important issues facing the health service, such as prevention, the workforce, and harnessing the opportunities presented by digital technology.

For further information about the proposals and how you can get involved, visit [NHS England's website](#).