

Get Involved!



There are a number of ways you can get involved with St Helens Clinical Commissioning Group:

- You can attend one of our Governing body meetings that are held in public
- You can become a member of the CCG
- You can attend a patient participation group at your local surgery
- You can attend St Helens CCGs Health Forum
- Get involved with a local or national consultation
- Fill out a 'talk to us' form and let us know what you think of local services
- Send your details to the team with your preferred area of interest and we can let you know if something is coming up in that area

For more information on any of this go to www.sthelensccg.nhs.uk and click on the

'Get Involved' section, email communications.ccg@sthelensccg.nhs.uk or phone 01744 621 749

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Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) are the new NHS organisations created through the Health Reforms, who will replace Primary Care Trusts in April 2013.

CCGs will be responsible for "commissioning" - planning, designing and paying for NHS services to meet the needs of the local population.

Each CCG has gone through a strict authorisation process to ensure that they can commission services effectively and safely, this was overseen by the NHS Commissioning Board (NCB).

The new national NHS Commissioning Board will oversee the performance of CCGs, as well as commissioning GP services, pharmacies, opticians and dentists, and other specialised services.

In order to keep decision making as close to patients as possible Local Doctors and Clinicians have been made the leaders of the new CCGs.



Who are St Helens Clinical Commissioning Group?

St Helens Clinical Commissioning Group are taking over responsibility for local healthcare from the Primary Care Trust, NHS Halton and St Helens.

Dr Stephen Cox, a local Doctor is our Clinical Accountable Officer and we have a lay Chair, Bill Guest.

Every Doctors surgery in St Helens is signed up as a member of the CCG and therefore has a say in the services we buy.

Our Governing body is made up of a group of Doctors from St Helens Practices, along with representatives from the Local Authority, a Secondary Care Doctor from a nearby Hospital and a number of Lay Members.

We work closely with a number of NHS providers in the area including:

- Bridgewater Community NHS Healthcare Trust (services like District Nursing)
- St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (Whiston & St Helens Hospitals)
- 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (mental health services)

Our Vision and Values....

Our role is to commission safe, responsive and effective healthcare for the population of St Helens.



We will improve the health and wellbeing of the population of St Helens and reduce health inequalities.

We will spend the healthcare budget in a fair and transparent manner to meet the needs of the local population.

What does this mean to me?

It is important that patients and the public know that the changes being made locally and nationally should not affect the way they access NHS services.

You will still be able to see your doctor and attend hospitals as you always have.

Being led by local Doctors allows the CCG to focus on what is important to our local people.