

HRW CCG News

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from your local NHS clinical commissioning group. We welcome your feedback: hrwccg.media@nhs.net

Whitby Hospital redevelopment business case approved

Exciting plans to redevelop the existing Whitby Hospital site have been given the green light by the CCG's Governing Body.

A strategic project document known as the 'Full Business Case' was approved on Thursday 24 January at an emotional meeting held in Whitby.

The next step is for the main provider of services at the hospital, Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust and the owner of the site, NHS Property Services, to approve proposals at their Board meetings due to take place in the coming weeks.

This would then mean that plans to redevelop the site, which will help sustain the future of the hospital, can be put into action. [Read more](#)

NHS Long Term Plan launches

The NHS Long Term Plan is the national health service's plan to make sure it is fit for the future. It aims to give everyone the best start in life, will deliver world-class care for major health problems such as cancer and mental health, and will help people age well.

The plan, backed by extra investment, has been developed by people who know the NHS best – frontline health and care staff, patients and their families, and other experts – who will continue to shape how it is implemented across the country. [Read more](#)

Easy Read version of NHS Long Term Plan is available to view [here](#).

Free NHS WiFi at James Cook and Friarage hospitals

Free NHS WiFi is now available for staff, patients and visitors at The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough and the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton.

The new service has been set up in response to national patient feedback asking for free WiFi services to be made available in NHS locations.

NHS WiFi allows patients and the public to download health apps, browse the internet and access healthcare information.

It can be accessed in patient areas by selecting NHS WiFi from a mobile phone, tablet device or laptop and following the simple onscreen registration instructions. [Read more](#)

Project Christmas - Santa's Little Helpers

To help bring a little cheer at Christmas, staff at the CCG raised funds to buy a range of gifts which were donated Maggie Neil House. Maggie Neil House is emergency accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic abuse.

NHS App begins public rollout

After successful private testing with more than 3,000 patients across 30 GP practices in England, the NHS App has started its public rollout.

The NHS App went into the Apple App and Google Play stores on Monday 31 December, with a web based version due to launch in the coming months.

When the GP practice is connected patients will be able to use the NHS App to:

- book and manage appointments at their GP practice
- order their repeat prescriptions
- securely view their GP medical record
- check their symptoms using NHS 111 online and the health A-Z on the NHS website
- register as an organ donor
- choose whether the NHS uses their data for research and planning

Until the GP practice is online patients will be able to use the NHS App to check their symptoms using NHS 111 online and the health A-Z on the NHS website.

Improving access to social housing for members of the Armed Forces

The government is committed to ensuring that those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families, past and present should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public services. Therefore they are seeking views on proposals for new statutory guidance for local authorities to improve access to social housing for members of the Armed Forces. You can read more [here](#). To take part in the consultation please click [here](#). Please note this consultation will close on 8 March 2019 at 11.45pm.

Grants from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust

Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants - New Guidance

New guidance has been published including four application deadlines for 2019. Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects that help integrate Armed Forces and civilian communities and/or deliver valuable local services to the Armed Forces Community. [Read more](#)

Veterans' Community Centres - New Programme The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has launched a £3M funding programme to fund renovations and improvements to veterans' community centres.

Grants of up to £30,000 are available. A small number of grants of up to £150,000 will be made to more complex projects. The Veterans' Community Centres Programme is a specialist pot of funding. Applicants must be Armed Forces charities with an existing building that requires refurbishment. [Read more](#)

British Forces Resettlement Services National Employment & Career Fair

British Forces Resettlement Services is a Community Interest Company, which was created to work in support of the Armed Forces Community. They support by working with companies across the UK that are looking to hire, re-train, and offer career advice to them.

They are holding their next in Careers Fair in Catterick, North Yorkshire on the 28 March 2019.

BFRS Events offer you access to;

- Serving Personnel
- Reserve Forces
- Veterans
- Partners & Families
- Civilians who work for the MoD

If you are interested in finding out more please contact a member of BFRS on 02476 939931 or visit the website www.bfrss.org.uk

Grants available for suicide prevention work

Local organisations committed to promoting good mental health and reducing the numbers of people taking their own lives are being encouraged to bid for funding to help them in their work. The grants are available to organisations based in the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby area. To find out more and how to apply please click [here](#).

Living Well in North Yorkshire

North Yorkshire County Council still welcomes referrals to the Living Well Service. Further information about this service can be found in the attached fact sheet and online [here](#). Enquiries can be made by ringing the council's customer service centre on 01609 780780 or contacting the Living Well Manager Trudy Rodgers on 01609536632 or Trudy.rodgers@northyorks.gov.uk.

You can read further information [here](#) about the Living Well Project

Lasting Power of Attorney Digital Assistance Service for people with dementia

Alzheimer's Society provides a Lasting Power of Attorney Digital Assistance Service for people with dementia. The Digital Assistance service is for those people without access to the internet or a computer, or who do not have the skills or confidence to use one and complete the Lasting Power of Attorney forms themselves. Further information is available [here](#)

Bettys Trees for Life Fund

Grants are available to help communities around Yorkshire make a difference to their local landscape. From native tree planting to improved woodland access, enhanced habitats and environmental education as part of its 2019 Centenary celebrations, Bettys are inviting applications to its Trees for Life fund for projects. If you work with a small charity, community or voluntary group or school then you can apply for a grant of up to £4000 to support your environmental project. Find out how to apply [here](#)