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Southport
and Formby
Clinical
Commissioning
Group

Our vision

“Southport and Formby; a sustainable, healthy community.

We will do this by working collaboratively to improve health and commission quality services, whilst ensuring value for money.

About us

Over the coming year Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group (SFCCG) will have an increasing role in deciding what services its 121,000 patients need to improve their health and wellbeing.

The NHS is changing and SFCCG is leading the local reforms. During 2012-2013, we will be playing a greater role in deciding what health services should be provided for the people of Southport and Formby.

In preparation for this, we are working even closer with all our partners to make sure that health and health services in Southport and Formby continue to improve in the future.

Our aims for 2012-2013

- To take on full responsibility for 'commissioning' or buying local health services by April 2013
- Improve the health of all Southport and Formby residents and reduce the differences in health which exist in different parts of the area
- To commission services of the highest possible quality to ensure Southport and Formby residents get the best care available to them
- Ensure that the services we commission deliver good value for money
- Involve Southport and Formby residents in the decisions we make about their local healthcare

To do this we will be focusing on eight priority areas:

- Long term conditions like diabetes, heart disease and asthma
- Mental health and dementia
- Children's health services
- Hospital care and preventing unnecessary emergency admissions to hospital
- Care for people at the end of their life
- Promoting good health and preventing poor health

Our plans for 2012-2013

During the year we will be making improvements to services that tackle the most important health priorities for people living in Southport and Formby.

Whenever we can, we will be looking to provide services closer to home, at venues and clinics in the heart of our communities including:

- A new cancer information centre in Southport designed and run in partnership with charity, Macmillan. The drop-in service offers a wide range of information to help cancer sufferers and their carers better manage their lives and their condition
- Screening more people for heart conditions like atrial fibrillation, heart failure and the early signs of diabetes
- More support from primary care services for patients to help them prevent and better manage mental ill health
- Working with care homes to better meet the needs of their residents who have mental ill health
- Strengthening community services for children and young people

- Improving services for patients who are at greatest risk of alcohol related illness

Alongside this we want to ensure that people do not have to stay in hospital longer than they need to. Some of the ways we are doing this include:

- Even closer working between community and hospital services. It will mean people with conditions like heart and lung disease can get support to better manage their illness closer to home, reducing their need to be admitted to hospital
- Working with our local health partners to review 'urgent' or emergency care services to ensure they can concentrate on treating people with the most serious injuries and illnesses



Who's who

SFCCG brings together all 20 GP practices in the area. Its Board is made up of doctors, nurses and practice managers, who have a wide range of skills, expertise and understanding of the local communities they serve:

- Dr Niall Leonard – Chair
- Dr Rob Caudwell – Vice Chair
- Dr Graeme Allan – GP
- Dr Hilal Mulla - GP
- Dr Martin Evans - GP
- Dr Liam Grant - GP
- Roy Boardman – Practice Manager
- Karen Leverett – Practice Manager
- Sharon Forrester – Nurse Representative
- Gill Burke – Nurse Representative

Get involved and find out more

We welcome views about our work from anyone who has with an interest in the health of Southport and Formby. We would particularly like to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in our work when opportunities arise. Use the contact details below to register your interest.

Contact us:

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