How you can get involved with NHS Grampian

Patients and members of the public are involved in the work of NHS Grampian in lots of different ways – helping to make a difference to services now and our future plans.

You may already be involved with some projects or be a member of your local Public Partnership Forum, or this Health Plan public consultation meeting might be your first experience of having your say about health services in Grampian.

Below are just some of the projects and groups that are involving patients and the public. We know there are lots of other activities happening throughout the NHS in Grampian.

Hospital and New Building Developments

- Emergency Care Centre
- Cancer/Haematology Centre Project
- Health and Care Village in Aberdeen
- Fraserburgh Community Hospital
- Dr Gray’s Hospital in Elgin

Programmes of Work

- Redesigning Primary Care Services in Aberdeen
- Intermediate Care in Grampian (complex programme but one of its aims is for people only to be in hospital when they really need to be)
- Long Term Conditions and Self Management
- Better Care Without Delay (meeting the Government’s target of patients being treated within 18 weeks of referral)
- Infection Control and Prevention
- Patient Safety

Services

- Managed Clinical Networks (including diabetes, coronary heart disease, eating disorders, sexual health, epilepsy, stroke, hepatitis C)
- Mental Health Services
- Dental Services
- Food, Fluid and Nutrition
Public Forums

*NHS Grampian Community Forum*

The Community Forum is made up of a group of patients, carers and general public and is open to anyone. Members do not need any special skills, knowledge or experience – just an interest in health services across Grampian. The Forum meets four times a year and each meeting includes a presentation from senior clinical staff and/or managers about a topic of interest, followed by questions and answers and small group discussions. Discussions have included dental services, patient safety, nutrition, primary care services, infection control and prevention. The Community Forum is supported by NHS Grampian's Corporate Communications staff.

*Public Partnership Forums*

Primary care and community services are based in structures called Community Health Partnerships (CHPs). In Grampian we have 3 Partnerships – Aberdeen CHP, Aberdeenshire CHP and Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership (CHSCP). Each CHP/CHSCP has, or is developing a Public Partnership Forum (PPF). As Aberdeenshire covers a large geographical area, it has more than one PPF.

PPFs are locally based networks of members of the public and representatives from patient groups and voluntary organisations who work in partnership with CHP staff to hear about and influence local health services and plans. The Public Partnership Forums are supported by local staff.

If you would like to find out more about getting involved, please get in touch with:

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