

BORDERLINE PATIENTS' FORUM NEWSLETTER

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The NHS White Paper proposes that the majority of healthcare commissioning will be devolved to GP Commissioning Consortia. The White Paper does not clearly set out the nuts and bolts of the proposed framework and more information is still required. The views of the patients and local community will be vital in helping to streamline services and ensuring that patients are supported with the appropriate and necessary health care

Are you ready to be involved in making decisions about your healthcare?

The Borderline Patients' Forum was set up to engage patients in sharing decisions about their healthcare. Through the Borderline Patients' Forum patients will be able to share their views on local health services and these will be passed on to the Consortium which will drive up the quality of healthcare.



ABOUT BORDERLINE PATIENTS' FORUM

The forum held their inaugural meeting on 30th September 2010 and intend to meet on a regular basis in and around the Whittlesey area. The Borderline Patients' Forum believes that commissioning should be seen as a series of decisions made in partnership between the GPs and their patients. Good commissioning should ensure that services are what people need and delivered in a way that people can access them.

Borderline Patients' Forum are allied to Borderline Commissioning Consortium, which was one of the first pilot GP Consortium in the country to go "live". The Borderline Consortium will have clinical and financial responsibility for buying healthcare services with the aim of improving patient experience, clinical effectiveness and patient safety. The areas covered by Borderline Commissioning Consortium currently include Yaxley, Whittlesey, Stanground and Doddington, although this is likely to expand as more GP practices join the Consortium.

More power is to be given to clinicians and patients to achieve the best health outcomes for patients within the financial resources available. To achieve this aim the group will be a two way conduit for information, with the Forum being given one vote on the Board, including power of veto. The Forum is an essential part of the new look 'jigsaw' which should go a long way to ensure GPs and patients work in tandem to supply the care which meets the needs of the local community in the most effective way possible.