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Website provides information at push of a button

Members of the public, patients, their families and carers are set to benefit from a new website, designed so people can access health information in West Leicestershire at a click of a button.

West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (WL CCG) has launched its brightly designed website this week, in an easy to use format, for patients and members of the public.

People can easily navigate their way round the site and pick up information on the CCG, how to get involved in having their say on local healthcare as well as a section which provides comprehensive information on local health services such as GPs, pharmacies and hospitals.

The site provides links to local lifestyle services such as Change4life, the NHS stop smoking service and psychological therapies. People can also get a glimpse of West Leicestershire CCG Board members; a photograph and small biography is provided on each. Board papers and minutes from the CCG meetings are available to access online.

WL CCG is responsible for a population of 366,000 and a commissioning budget of £362 million. It covers Hinckley and Bosworth; North Charnwood; North West Leicestershire, and South Charnwood and 50 GP practices in total.

Dr Nick Pulman Chair of West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Patients and the public will be able to access information regarding our health priorities for the next three years and CCG values as well as ways they can get involved with participation groups and have their say on important decisions which will help to shape the future of health services in West Leicestershire. This will give them a better insight to the work we do and how we try and involve local people.

I hope patients will find the new website helpful. It sets out the CCG values and our health priorities for the next three years. But we also want the site to be a way of promoting ways that the public can have more of a say in the way we shape the future of health services in West Leicestershire, for example through involvement with patient participation groups.

The site should give better insight to the work we have started and how we really want to involve local people."

Online, people can also find information on the CCGs commissioning strategy for 2012/2015 which sets out what services and health resources the CCG will buy over

the next three years as well as outlining which health issues in the area they will focus on as a priority.

For more information or to visit the site log on to www.westleicestershireccg.nhs.uk or call 01509 567700 and speak to a member of the team.

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Notes to editor:

West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group was formed as part of the changes proposed to the NHS under the Health and Social Care Act. Clinical Commissioning Groups were formerly known as GP consortia. The West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group represents 50 GP practices and covers Hinckley & Bosworth, North Charnwood, North West Leicestershire and South Charnwood.

Our values:

- **Democratic** - a clinically led organisation rooted in member GP practices and localities
- **Collaborative** - at the heart of a network of partnerships with CCGs, local authorities and providers that puts us at the forefront of change
- **Proactive** - by maintaining a focus on the things that really make a difference to patients
- **Adaptable** - by responding flexibly to the differing needs of our patients, the clinical evidence base and our operating environment
- **Honest** - we are willing to confront difficult issues, understand them and make disciplined decisions for the long term
- **Passionate** - we are committed to excellence.