



OHAC News

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Introduction

In October 2015, we introduced our first newsletter on Health and Social Care Integration, as NHS Orkney and Orkney Islands Council work together to implement important changes in health and care ahead of the April 2016 Government deadline.

This, our second newsletter, is about the Strategic Commissioning Plan and the vital role the people of Orkney will have in shaping it. So we bring you details of how you can get involved in doing just that!

What is it?

The Strategic Commissioning Plan will set out how community health and social care services will be delivered and developed to provide quality services that meet the needs of people in Orkney as best they can. The Integration Joint Board - Orkney Health and Care - will have the job of planning and overseeing these services. Development of the Plan is being guided and measured against nine national health and wellbeing outcomes. You can read more about these here: <http://goo.gl/jl4uxx>

A major priority is to ensure that the plan is shaped and influenced by people who know and understand the realities of life in Orkney. You can read a draft version by following the link from the homepage at www.orkney.gov.uk. The final version will be shaped by the feedback we receive from folk across the county.

Have your say

During January, a series of drop in events are running and we would really like you to join us at one of these. Why not come along and find out more about the integration journey in Orkney, and tell us what you think the priorities are? We're also holding a live chat on Facebook.

Caroline Sinclair, chief officer for Orkney, said: "A major priority is to ensure plans are shaped and influenced by people who know and understand the realities of life in Orkney.

"We want support and services to be responsive, we want services to take account of people's needs and, crucially, the needs of local communities. Receiving feedback from those at the heart of the community is crucial."

DID YOU KNOW...

Orkney folk live longer. Male life expectancy in Orkney is 78.7 years (Scotland 77.1 years) and for females it's 82.8 years (Scotland 81.1 years)

How can I get involved? There are many ways!

1. Take part in our live Facebook chat

Join us TODAY (Thursday 14 January) for a live discussion on Facebook. Chief

Officer for Orkney, Caroline Sinclair, will be on the OIC Updates Facebook page from 18:00 – 19:00 this evening to chat with you and hear your views. It's a great opportunity for folk across Orkney to get involved – follow the link for the Facebook Chat from the homepage at www.orkney.gov.uk.

2. Come to our drop-in sessions

Here staff will be on hand to talk to you about the health and social care integration journey, listen to your feedback and hear what your priorities are for the future of health and care services in Orkney.

If you would like to contact someone to discuss these events and their relevance to you, please contact Gill Learmonth at Orkney Health and Care: 01856873535 extension 2618 or email: Gillian.Learmonth@orkney.gov.uk.

Smiddybrae, Dounby – Day Centre Room.	Tuesday, 19 January.	14:00 – 19:00.
Warehouse Buildings, Stromness – John Rae Room.	Thursday, 21 January	14:00 – 19:00.
The Cromarty Hall, St Margaret's Hope – Main Hall.	Tuesday, 26 January.	14:00 – 19:00.
St Magnus Centre, Kirkwall – Friends and Family Room.	Friday, 29 January.	14:00 – 19:00.

3. Join our phone-in session

We are holding a phone-in session on Friday 29 January from 14:00 - 19:00 (during the St Magnus Centre drop-in session). The aim is to provide an additional opportunity for the Orkney public to contact us. The session is open to everyone.

Please call us at the St Magnus Centre, 01856878326 from 14:00 - 19:00 on Friday, 29 January.

4. Complete our survey

Online: You can also complete an online survey available via the link below:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/OHACSCP .

On paper: You can either ask for a paper copy of the survey at one of the drop-in events and post it in the boxes provided, or contact Shaun Hourston-Wells, Project Manager, at Orkney Health and Care, Orkney Islands Council, School Place, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1NY or email: ohacfeedback@orkney.gov.uk, and a paper copy will be sent out to you.

Paper copies of the survey are also available at local GP practices, from OIC customer services in Kirkwall, the Warehouse Buildings in Stromness, Orkney Library, the library van, and on local ferries.