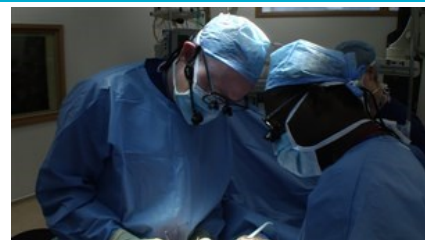


Help shape the future of CHD services.....

We are writing this newsletter to let you know about the work that is going on within the Congenital Heart Disease Network for South Wales and the South West, and how you can get involved in shaping that work.



Our aims and commitment to you

- To invite you to help us shape our cardiac service
- To work with you to find innovative, creative and flexible ways for you to be involved wherever you live and within the time that you have available
- To be open and honest, including explaining the limitations of what we can do
- To ensure we regularly update you with what is happening through our websites, newsletters and Facebook pages

The Congenital Heart Disease Network for South Wales and South West

What is it?

A new network linking together all the healthcare providers, patients and families in the South Wales and South West region. Our vision is to ensure high quality, equitable access to care across the region; providing excellent information to patients, families and staff; collaborating to improve quality; and ensuring that there is a strong collective voice for CHD services.

Working to meet the new CHD standards will be one of our key aims. You can read more here:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/2013/05/21/board-1805213/>

How can I get involved?

Please come to the workshop detailed below. We will also be holding a series of listening events across the region and other opportunities to get involved in shaping the network and the services we offer. This could include involvement in our Network Board, being part of a patient advisory group or getting involved in a specific service area that interests you.

The Independent Review of Children's Cardiac Services in Bristol

What is it?

The Independent Review of children's cardiac services in Bristol was triggered by the concerns of a number of families about the treatment and care received by their children. The Review was set up by the Medical Director of NHS England to carry out a thorough review of children's cardiac services at the hospital and its outreach clinics, to learn lessons and to contribute to the development of national standards of care. The report was published in June 2016. You can read it here:

<http://www.thebristolreview.co.uk/>

<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/>

How can I get involved?

Please come to the workshop detailed below to hear more. You can be part of our Steering group who will monitor and shape our response to the recommendations, our family reference group who will look at what actions we need to take, or part of our working groups who will help make the changes that we all feel are important. You can also tell us how you would like to get involved.

The Healthcare Change-Makers Programme

What is it?

Bristol Community Health, North Bristol NHS Trust, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and Bristol Royal Hospital for Children have teamed up to offer the first opportunity to work with NHS decision makers to shape the future of healthcare. You will be able to attend four training days to help you develop the knowledge, skills and experience to support you in being a change maker.

How can I get involved?

We are holding two events for you to find out more about what it is, the commitment involved and the level of training on offer. Please come along. Daytime 26/09/16 at the Vassall Centre and Evening 27/09/16 at Future Inns in the centre of town

The link for further information is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/patient-community-leadership-programme-information-session-daytime-tickets->

Workshop: Thursday 13th October, 6pm in Engineers House, Bristol

If you can't make the workshop, don't worry there are lots of different ways to get involved, including other workshops around the region. We can send you information about all the different ways to get involved or you can contact us to find out more and tell us how you want to get involved.