

Invitation - Public interactive events

Health and Social Care Services touch everyone's life at some point. That's why we need you to help shape our future Health & Social Care services in the Borders.

As you maybe know, from April 2016, a partnership between NHS Borders, SBC and the voluntary and independent care partners need to work as one to deliver services which best meet the needs of Borderers. This is required by law, as part of the Scottish Government's programme of reform to ensure that health and social care provision across Scotland is joined-up and seamless.

I would like to invite you along to one of our public interactive events which are being held across the Borders this month. The events are open to all of our stakeholders, including members of the public who want to find out more and/or give us their views.

At each of the event, key officers from SBC and NHS will be in attendance to explain the changes ahead and answer any questions. You will then have the opportunity to give your views on, for example:

- What works well just now?
- What has your experience been like?
- What could we do better under our new partnership?
- Where should we prioritise our scarce resources?

Events take place from 6:30pm-8:00pm as follows:

- Monday, 16 February Kelso (Tait Hall)
- Thursday, 19 February Peebles (Community Centre)
- Monday, 23 February Duns (Council Chamber)
- Wednesday, 25th February Hawick (Evergreen Hall)
- Thursday, 26th February Gala (Old Gala House)

To confirm your attendance email integration@scotborders.gov.uk or call 01835 825561

Consultation on the first piece of work, the 'Scheme of Integration' which sets out the mechanics of our partnership working arrangements, is also currently open and asks for people's views on a range of 'behind-the-scenes' arrangements. The consultation is open until Friday 13 March 2015. To view the document and to give your views visit www.scotborders.gov.uk/consultations and email

integration@scotborders.gov.uk You can also call 01896 828294 to request hard-copies.

Further information is available from www.scotborders.gov.uk/integration and www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/integration

Regards,

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