

# Dacorum Locality Commissioning Committee Update Report

## Increasing Capacity in Primary Care - Winter Pressures

The Increasing capacity in primary care bids for 2014/15 was split into 2 schemes for Dacorum:

1. £300,000 for the provision of additional primary care appointments during the Winter period, in line with the other HVCCG localities.  
To date most practices anticipate being able to utilise all of the funding available with the exception of Everest House and Highfield who anticipate small underspends.
2. The smaller amount of £93,170 to be used as set up costs for the Holistic Health Care Team. These costs include a scheme manager, staffing costs and practice set up costs. The scheme is due to begin working with patients in 2015/16.  
The Holistic health care team proposal is to provide an extended primary care service to a targeted caseload of patients with multiple needs, often complex and involving multiple agencies, but where care co-ordination and/or uptake of services is poor.  
The team will receive referrals from GP surgeries & provide an in depth health and social care needs assessment.  
The team will be an integral part of General Practice consisting of 3 teams of: 1 nurse and 1 Care Co-ordinator each, covering all Dacorum practices. The Care co-ordinator will provide support and will be able to act as an advocate if necessary. The service will have mandatory follow ups, to ensure that all needs are being met and that services & care put in place remain in place, as appropriate.  
This service will free up existing practice clinicians' time and provide a better whole person package of care for this vulnerable group. It is anticipated that there will be a reduction in the number of GP appointments and home visits for this group, and reduce the incidence of emergency hospital admissions due to exacerbations of long term conditions that previously may have been missed.

## Teenage Health information packs

The Dacorum locality won a bid from Herts County Council for just under £3,000, to provide a range of health information advice and information to teenagers within Dacorum.

Almost 3,000 packs have been put together and are being distributed via practices, schools and the Connexions service. We are also asking teenagers to complete an on-line evaluation survey to highlight how teenagers would prefer to engage with health and its' partners.

## Conversation Café – 4 February 2015

The aim of the event is to engage with teenagers. Many agencies providing services directed at teenagers are also attending, with a view to understanding the needs of teenagers and their preference for receiving information and how best to engage with them.

**Dacorum Commissioning Plan** – Approved by HVCCG board November 2014. Highlighting the health & social care needs of the people of Dacorum.

Implementation plans about how to meet those needs are now underway & linking into West Herts Strategic Review, 'your care, your future'.

## Partnership Working

In February the locality team will be working with Dacorum Borough Council supporting a local event in the Highfield area 'Love your Neighbourhood'