

Briefing for local stakeholders with an interest in social care, health and communities

Adult Social Care | Information and Engagement Team



Monthly briefing Information correct as of 21 September 2023 Department Of Health And Social Care Sets Out Major Conditions Strategy

The [major conditions strategy](#) sets out how the Government's approach to health and care delivery will evolve to meet population needs and tackle health disparities.

The strategy makes the case for adapting the model of care to tackle the multimorbidity challenge and identifies how integrated care systems can provide the infrastructure to join up health and care locally.

For further information please visit: Website: www.gov.uk

Consultation launched on draft Direct Payments Strategy

Surrey County Council has co-produced a [Draft Direct Payments Strategy 2023 – 2028](#) with people with lived experience of Direct Payments, user-led organisations and partner agencies, representing both adults and families to identify the challenges and issues people face having a Direct Payment from Children's social care teams and Adult Social Care.

To gather views on what works well, what could be better and ideas for change/improvement, partners and people with lived experience are encouraged to review the Draft Direct Payments Strategy and complete the [Direct Payments Survey](#).

The survey is open until Sunday 29 October 2023. Alternative versions of the Direct Payments Survey are also available from Surrey Says.

To request a hard copy of any of the alternative formats of the survey or for further information, please contact Surrey County Council as follows:

Telephone: 0300 200 1005: Textphone: (Via Relay UK): 18001 0300 200 1005: Text:07527 182 861 (for the deaf or hard of hearing)

British Sign Language: www.surreycc.gov.uk/bsl Email: dpstrategy@surreycc.gov.uk

Carer Information Fairs taking place in in November

Marking Carers Rights Day (30th of November), Action for Carers Surrey are running Carer Information Fairs at their hubs across

Surrey.

Representatives from the charity, which supports unpaid carers aged 5-95, will be joined by numerous other Surrey charities and organisations, to offer help and advice to visitors.

There will be a focus on rights and what you're entitled to as an unpaid carer, but there will also be information on other practical matters relevant to caring.

The Fairs will all take place at Carer Hubs, between 11am-2pm as follows:

- **Monday 20th November: Woking and Cranleigh**
- **Tuesday 21st November: Camberley and Epsom**
- **Wednesday 22nd November: Horley and Addlestone**
- **Thursday 23rd November: Hersham and Caterham**
- **Friday 24th November: Leatherhead**
- **Saturday 25th November: Guildford**

If your organisation is interested in booking a stall, please email Rachel.Brennan@actionforcarers.org.uk.

For further information please visit [Action for Carers](#)

Living Well With Dementia Event

The Clockhouse Community Centre is hosting a dementia drop in event on Monday 9 October from 1pm – 3pm. Providing information and advice to support anyone caring for someone with dementia and to promote positive approaches to living well with dementia.

Organisations attending include Surrey Fire and Rescue, Age UK Surrey, Action for Carers, Alzheimer's Society and Healthwatch Surrey.

For further information please contact: Telephone or Text: 07580 015 278 Email: Paul.boyce@careuk.com

Head for Headway Surrey Open Day

Headway Surrey are holding an Open Day on Friday 13th October for anyone who might have an interest in their local Surrey wide charity, or have an interest in brain injury, whether a brain injured person, a family member, medical or care professional, potential volunteer, potential Trustee or Chair, or potential local company looking for a worthwhile local charity to support.

The Open Day will take place at their Headway Centre, Headway House, 21 North Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9PU, from 10am – 4pm. It is free entry and no booking is required.

For further information please visit: Telephone: 01483 454433

Website: www.headwaysurrey.org

Email: enquiries@headwaysurrey.org

Latest Groups And Courses From Mary Frances Trust

Mary Frances Trust (MFT) runs a range of groups and courses to support adults across Surrey. Their newest courses include

- Mosaic making in Dorking
- Let's talk stigma around addiction
- Good vibrations meditation

For a full list of all their courses and groups please check out their [calendar](#) which is now more accessible and offers the option of a talking calendar.

To attend, people will firstly need to [register with MFT](#) on their website. Click on the "Register with us" tab at the top and then book their place by contacting MFT: Telephone: 01372 375 400 Text: 07929 024722 Email: info@maryfrancestrust.org.uk

Breaking Down Barriers Workshop

Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey is hosting a workshop for professionals in Surrey to gain an overview, understanding and appreciation of inclusion, accessibility and independence for and with people who are blind, vision impaired, Deaf, hard of hearing and those with combined sight and hearing loss. Exploring access and inclusion and the support available for people in Surrey who are blind, vision impaired, Deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind.

The workshop is being held on Wednesday 8th November. They are running a special offer on the tickets on £25 per person for their first workshop. Further workshops are planned for 2024.

For further information or to book please visit [eventbrite](#).

Free Training Available From Brigitte Trust

Brigitte Trust has organised 'How to regulate your emotions' training at Clandon Wood Nature Reserve on Monday 23 October.

Research suggests that the deep emotional parts of the brain work much faster than the rational parts of our brains and faster than the thoughts we're aware of. That's why it can be so difficult to deal with emotions through thought alone, and why repressed issues may bubble up as physical pains or unwanted habits. In this workshop, you will be looking at a range of non-talk techniques that can help converse with the emotional parts of the mind and change those feelings.

For further information or to book please visit [eventbrite](#).

Pre-Planning Engagement Launched For New Library And Community Hub In Spelthorne

Everyone is invited to provide their feedback on the proposed relocation of Staines Library to create a new community hub. It is intended that the new hub will include Citizens Advice, Spelthorne

Museum and Voluntary Support North Surrey together at the former Decathlon unit in the Elmsleigh Centre, a few minutes walk from the current library site. The pre-planning consultation is open until 5pm on Tuesday 26 September.

The Hub will serve as an inclusive, accessible and dynamic space where individuals of all ages can meet, learn, and engage with a wide range of library services and activities. Feedback on the interior of the new library will be considered through a process of co-design with local groups at a later stage in the project.

For further information about the pre-planning consultation for the Staines Hub and how to participate, please visit [Surrey Libraries](#). Or to share your feedback please complete their [online survey](#) or contact them using the following contact methods:

Telephone: 0800 689 5209 Post: to FREEPOST CONSULTATION
REPLY Email: info@newstaineshub.co.uk

Inspectors Praise Surrey Fire And Rescue Service's Improved Culture

Following an inspection of the service by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Service (HMICFRS) throughout March and April, inspectors published their report, praising the 'positive working culture' at Surrey Fire and Rescue Service.'

The report further outlines areas where the service has done well, areas for improvement and a 'cause of concern' regarding the risk-based inspection programme. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service is bringing together an improvement plan to address all of the areas for improvement that have been highlighted in the report.

The full inspection report can be read by visiting the [HMICFRS website](#).