PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX RISE

At their recent meeting Coalition Board members discussed at length the proposed 15% increase in Council tax which the SCC Full Council are likely to agree at their meeting on 7th February.

Board members fully understand why the County Council needs to seek more money from Surrey residents to fund social care due to continued reductions in grants from central Government and increasing demand for services from ever rising numbers of older people needing vital care and support.

However Board members are naturally very concerned about the extra burden this would place on disabled people, many of whom have already faced increases in costs of paying for their care and support last year.

Surrey has more very elderly people and people with learning disabilities (due to historic reasons) than elsewhere in the country, yet receives less in funding than everywhere else except London.

We have already seen many reductions in care and support services to enable SCC to make savings of over £450 million over the past five years, but are even more concerned about the further huge cuts which will be needed if the County Council does not have more money this year from Government or from Council Tax.

Please let us know what you think. Contact us in the Coalition Office.
OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

INNOVATION CONFERENCE
North East Hants and Farnham CCG invite people living in their area to an Innovation Conference

On **Monday 27th March 2017**
9.30 to 3.30
At North Hampshire Golf Club

They are looking for creative and innovative ideas to improve health services for local people and also a few people to join their Panel to help them choose the right projects to fund.

If you are interested please email NEHCCG.public@nhs.net, or phone 01252 335 154, or Text 0777 555 3574. Use this link to see the flyer for more details: [http://tinyurl.com/j9kcy1f](http://tinyurl.com/j9kcy1f)

GIVE YOUR VIEWS TO CQC
The Care Quality Commission (CQC) are consulting about how they register, monitor and inspect health and social care services. Use this link for more information: [http://tinyurl.com/jab7scw](http://tinyurl.com/jab7scw)

Or if you have any queries email nextphase@cqc.org.uk.

The closing date for comments is Tuesday 14th February.

GET INVOLVED WITH SURREY DOWNS CCG

The next meeting of their Participation Action Network (PAN) is on **Monday 6th March**, 10 to 12.30 at Park House, Leatherhead. For more information contact Pollymarch.Mather@surreydownsccg.nhs.uk, Tel. 01372 201793, or Text 07990 733 175.

GET INVOLVED WITH SURREY UNI

The University of Surrey’s Department of Psychology is looking for more people to join their User and Carer Advisory Group. If you have experience of psychological services of caring for someone who has, please contact yasmin.broome@surreycoalition.org.uk, Tel./Text 07455 267 424 for more information.
OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

SURREY COALITION’S
EMPOWERMENT TRAINING

See the ENCLOSED flyer and Booking Form for information about our next Empowerment Training Course being held on

**Tuesday 28th February**
- From 10.30 to 3.30
- At Astolat, Guildford

Come along to find out about how to become more involved and to gain the confidence to express your views. Send us your Booking Form or contact yasmin.broome@surreycoalition.org, Tel./Text 07455 267 424 for more information.

JOIN SURREY DEAF COMMUNITY

If you are profoundly deaf and use British Sign Language (BSL), then you may like to join Surrey Deaf Community (formerly called Surrey Deaf Forum). The group relaunched last September and are pictured here.

For more information email surreydeaf16@gmail.com.

Their next meeting is on **Friday 24th February**, 7 to 10 pm at Park House in Leatherhead.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP US AT
HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW

Together with partner organisations we will be running a stand at Hampton Court Flower Show in July to promote the work of many Voluntary Organisations in Surrey.

If you can volunteer to help please contact Yasmin Broome at email: yasmin.broome@surreycoalition.org.uk, or Tel./Text 07455 267 424
OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE NHS
ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION STANDARD

NHS England are carrying out a review of implementation of their Accessible Information Standard by all health and social care organisations.

Please complete the online survey for patients, service users, carers and parents, by using this link: http://tinyurl.com/hlz934v.

The survey is also available as a word document (https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ais-survey-pat-serv-user-app-frm.docx), and in alternative formats, including audio (http://tinyurl.com/hpvnmo9), easy read (http://tinyurl.com/jj4t9x7), and on a British Sign Language video (http://tinyurl.com/jx6728d).

If you have any questions, email England.nhs.participation@nhs.net, or phone 0300 311 2233.

JOIN THE NEW INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

Use this link https://surreycoalition.org.uk/independent-mental-health-network-newsletter/ to see the January Newsletter telling you all about the new Network for people with experience of mental ill health and carers living in Surrey and North East Hampshire.

A Flyer (http://tinyurl.com/h73qq7b) and Joining Form (http://tinyurl.com/jx6svdm) are also available on our website, or a paper copy is available from our Network Coordinator, Ian Stronge, Tel./Text 07397 240 035 or email: ian.stronge@surreycoalition.org.uk.

NHS CONTINUING HEALTH CARE

Surrey Downs CCG commissions Community Health Care (CHC) services on behalf of all CCGs in Surrey, and are setting up a User and Carer Reference Group to help them review current services.

If you or your carer has experience of applying for or receiving Continuing Health Care, please get involved to give your views. Email clare.davies18@nhs.net or contact Pollymarch Mather, Tel. 01372 201 793, Text 07990 733 175, or contact us in the Coalition office.
OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

JOIN YOUR LOCAL DISABILITY ALLIANCE NETWORK GROUP (DANS)

Join your local group and meet up with other disabled people living in your area. Hear about changes and new health, social care, transport and other services.

The 4 Area Groups meet every 3 months and the next meetings are on the following dates:

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Transport can be provided and travel expenses are paid on the day. For more information contact Sandy Frean, Tel./Text 07976 864082, or email: Sandra.frean@surreycc.gov.uk

CONSULTATION ON STROKE SERVICES IN WEST SURREY

The NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Adult Social Care are starting a public consultation in early February on the future provision of Stroke Services across West Surrey.

This follows the decision which had to be taken in December to cease the provision of immediate treatment for a stroke at the Royal Surrey Hospital due to clinical staffing problems, so that currently these services are provided at Frimley Park and St. Peter’s Hospitals for people living in West Surrey.

The consultation will last 3 months, and information about how to give your views will be published on the CCGs and Surrey Coalition websites shortly.

Contact us in the Coalition office if you have any queries.
OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

DISABILITY SPORTS

Members who attended our AGM in October last year watched a video showing many of the opportunities for disabled people to participate in physical activity and sports across Surrey. You can watch the video by clicking here: http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/active

Some new opportunities include:

- **Disability Gymnastics Taster Day** on Saturday 11th February at the Edge Leisure Centre in Haslemere

- Surrey Scorchers have launched a **Basketball Club** for young adults with a learning disability, on Mondays from 6 to 7 pm at St. Peter’s School in Guildford. Contact foundation@surreyscorchers.co.uk, or Tel./Text 07810 122 389

- **Farnham Walking Festival** is from 21st to 28th May, and ‘limited mobility’ walks are being planned and will be led by Coalition member Suzân Lewis-Jones. Put the dates in your diary and more details will be given in the April issue of Coalition News. You will need to register to join the walks.

GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON OUR WEBSITE

We have improved the layout of our Website, and it is now hopefully easier to find what you might be looking for. Therefore we would really welcome your feedback and ideas for further improvement, particularly on its accessibility. Have a look here: www.surreycoalition.org.uk, and let us know what you think?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Please contact us if you would like to join the following groups, to come to meetings, or just receive information on what they do:

- **Long Term Neurological Conditions Group**
  Thursday 16th February, from 10.30 to 1 pm at Park House, Leatherhead

- **Surrey Hard of Hearing Forum**
  Thursday 23rd March, 10.30 to 1 pm at Park House, Leatherhead

Contact Carol for more information: Tel: 01483 456 558, Text: 077809 33053, or email: carol.pearson@surreycoalition.org.uk
NEW SERVICES FOR YOU

PENFRIEND IN SURREY LIBRARIES

PenFRIEND is a tool which allows visually impaired people to select their audio books independently. This support tool will be available in every Surrey Library, and they are planning launches of the scheme in Godalming, Epsom and Woking Libraries in March.

We will keep you posted.

NEW SURREY WIDE ADVOCACY SERVICE

We are delighted to announce that the new contract to provide the full range of advocacy services across Surrey from April 2017 has been awarded to Surrey Disabled People’s Partnership in conjunction with Matrix Advocacy and Deaf Positives.

Details of the new Single Point of Access contact details will be published in the next issue of Coalition News.

NEW DRUG FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

A new drug reported in the New England Journal of Medicine has been described by doctors and clinicians as a ‘Landmark’ in treating multiple sclerosis.

The new drug called Ocrelizumab alters the immune system and is the first drug shown to work in the primary progressive form of the condition. The drug is being reviewed for use in USA and Europe.

SIGN UP FOR GP ONLINE SERVICES

Surrey Downs CCG have asked us to promote the GP Online Service, which is a quick and easy way to book GP appointments, order repeat prescriptions and even view some of your GP records online.

Everyone registered with a GP can have access to their GP Practice’s online services. You can do this by following these 4 easy steps:

1. Tell your practice you would like to start using GP online services
2. Complete a short form
3. Return the form to the Practice, taking one form of photo ID and proof of address
4. Once you have signed up you will receive a letter with your unique user name and password, and a link to log in.
NEW SERVICES FOR YOU

OUT OF HOURS SERVICE TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

A new service is available for people who run out of their regular medication outside of their GP opening hours.

The newly commissioned “Pharmacy Urgent Repeat Medicines Service” is accessed by calling NHS 111, and will be referred to a participating community pharmacist who will provide an NHS funded emergency supply of the repeat medication, dependant on their assessment of the patient.

30% of calls to NHS 111 have been about repeat prescriptions, so this new service should help. However patients can also help by ensuring they do not run out of their repeat medication.

NEW SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

In December Surrey and Borders opened a new inpatient facility at St. Ebbas Hospital in Epsom for people with learning disability who require crisis mental health support.

The Deacon Unit has a 10 bed assessment and treatment service for males and females. The unit operates as part of a new Intensive Support Service, working in partnership with existing community and liaison services to deliver 24/7 personalised care for people with learning disabilities. The aim is to support people in their own home, reduce the number of inpatient admissions and provide proactive support after discharge.

AIR ALERT SERVICE FOR SURREY

Air Alert is a service that will send free messages to your mobile or home telephone, informing you that poor air quality is predicted in your area of Surrey. A useful service, particularly for people with asthma and other similar conditions.

Download the app for Air Alert text and voice messages for your iPhone (http://tinyurl.com/z5eaou6), Android (http://tinyurl.com/h34akxy), or fill in online registration form (http://tinyurl.com/hbo4qcp) to fill out your details to receive the alerts via your choice of SMS, voice messaging or email. Your data will be stored securely.
WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING

SURREY VISION ACTION GROUP

Pictured here are the members of SVAG at their meeting in January, with Adult Social Care Commissioner and Sight for Surrey.

They heard that 2 new Eye Clinic Liaison Officers (ECLOs) had started work, increasing the number to three, and providing support in all 5 acute hospitals in Surrey for people with a visual impairment attending Eye Clinics and receiving other hospital services. They were also pleased to hear of new initiatives to provide more IT support for computer and iPad users, and about Sight for Surrey strategy for the future to which members had contributed their ideas and priorities.

If you have a visual impairment please join Surrey Vision Action Group to have your say on current and future services. Contact Carol Pearson at carol.pearson@surreycoalition.org.uk, or Tel./Text 01483 456 558

ANOTHER ARTIST IN OUR MIDST

John Mitchell, a member of Surrey Vision Action Group and Surrey Coalition is also a successful partner whose works are regularly included in the annual calendars produced by the RNIB and Action for Blind People. John is pictured here just before the SVAG meeting in January, together with one of his paintings, which is in the 2017 calendar available nationally.

John is a member of the Leatherhead Art Club and will be exhibiting with them at Denbies during the first week of June. His solo exhibition will be at the Thorndike Theatre in Leatherhead from 4th to 27th July. Please go along and see more of his amazing paintings.

WINNER OF CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH COMPETITION

Raymond Holroyde was the lucky winner of our Word Search competition in the December Issue of Coalition News and received a £10 voucher.

Thanks to everyone who sent in their answers.
North West Surrey CCG held a small Listening Event for people who use Audiology Services provided by Ashford and St. Peter’s Hospital, on Wednesday 18th January 2017. This was a very useful and productive meeting attended by several members of Surrey Coalition and our Hard of Hearing Forum, who have been working with other Audiology Departments in East Surrey, Epsom and at the Royal Surrey over the past year.

The CCG project manager for integrated care presented a new proposed model for adult hearing services (audiology) to see whether people felt the new model would meet their needs. The proposed model is based on national best practice and includes:

- Reduced waiting times on referral and after care
- Access to hearing aid services in community rather than hospital settings
- Provision of a standardised quality service across North West Surrey

Attendees also gave their views on current services, and gave useful feedback on the proposed model.

The CCG would like further feedback so please take part in their short questionnaire using this link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/1Audio to give your views on the proposed model.

Contact us in the Coalition office for a paper copy.

The CCG will revise the model to take people’s feedback into account and hope to introduce a new improved service by late spring. They will let us know.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT NETWORK GROUP

We meet regularly with partners in SCC Transport, and Adult Social Care, Community Transport providers, Voluntary car schemes and the Guildford Diocese Community Engagement Team to coordinate new developments and initiatives to provide more accessible transport options for older and disabled people across Surrey.
WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING

ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABLED PERSONS BUS PASSES

We have started a review of the eligibility process for free disabled person’s bus passes in response to recent concerns from our members. They include concerns from those with hearing loss about how to prove their disability, and also because the move from DLA to PIP (Personal Independence Payment) appears to result in fewer people being eligible for a bus pass.

We had a very productive first meeting with County Council officers who have welcomed our help to improve the information about eligibility and the proof required, both on their website and in written information. They agree with us that the process needs to be simple, easy and fair, and they want to provide clear guidance for people with different impairments and disabilities, such as those with learning disabilities, mental health problems, hearing and sight loss, physical mobility etc.

We will report further in the next issue of Coalition News. In the meantime if you have had a problem trying to renew or obtain a disabled person’s bus pass, please let us know: email: yasmin.broome@surreycoalition.org.uk, Tel./Text 07455 267 424

SURREY COALITION’S BOARD

Members of the Surrey Coalition Board are pictured here at their meeting in January, where they reviewed outcomes from the recent involvement by members in representing the interests of disabled people in a huge range of activities, some of which are included in this newsletter.

They also reviewed the Coalition’s finances and the recent business case to the County Council and CCGs for Grant Funding for 2017/18.

Some of the priorities going forward include the coproduction of new specifications for NHS 111 in Surrey Heartlands STP area, Home Based Care contracts with care agencies, Direct Payments support service, Housing Related Support and involvement in the consultation on Stroke Services in West Surrey.
WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING

LETS LOOP SURREY

Members of the Lets Loop Surrey Group met at Sight for Surrey’s Offices on Monday 23rd January (pictured here), where they discussed:

- The National Let’s Loop Campaign and future involvement of Rotary Clubs in Lets Loop Groups across the country
- An update from Sensory Services and planned a visit to the Equipment room.
- Agreed on a training visit to a High Street in Surrey to check loops
- Agreed a plan to recruit more volunteers/buddies to assist those with a hearing impairment to check loops in their local area

For more information contact yasmin.broome@surreycoalition.org.uk, Tel./Text 07455 267 424

LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Learning Disability Partnership Board met last on 5th January in Leatherhead and discussed:

- Transition – receiving updates from Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Commissioner for disabled young adults from 16 to 25, and information from SCC’s Transition Team
- Together for Short Lives
- District and Borough Services for people with a learning disability, and
- Implementation of the NHS England Accessible Information Standard

We would like to encourage more people with a learning disability to attend the Partnership Board meetings on behalf of their local Valuing People Groups.

For more information about the learning disability Partnership Board contact sarah.linnington@surreycc.gov.uk, Tel. 01483 518880, or Text 07816 077 122

SHARING NEWS VIA FACEBOOK

We now have 309 page likes on Surrey Coalition’s Facebook, and last week our posts reached 950 people. Join us at www.facebook.com/SurreyCoalitionOfDisabledPeople/
WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING

DISABILITY ALLIANCE NETWORK
SURREY (DANS)

The four local Area Groups in the Disability Alliance Networks met again in January, where they discussed many local issues, including:

- Support and Advice on Fuel Poverty
- Update from their local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) on current engagement plans for service changes and improvements
- Information about plans for Stroke Services in West Surrey and the upcoming consultation starting in February
- Pathway – a health and wellbeing business that supports their customers to remain confident and independent in their own homes
- Ideas for discussion at future meetings
- IT Support for people with a visual impairment - from Sight for Surrey.

Pictured here are members of the North DANS Group.

To join the DANS please contact Sandra.frean@surreycc.gov.uk, Tel./Text 07976 864 082 (see page 5 for the dates of their next meetings in April 2017).

AUTISM PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Autism Partnership Board met last on 11th January in Leatherhead and discussed:

- The Magazine – distributed 3300 so far to CCG’s, GP’s and Libraries
- Autism Friendly Libraries
- Review of Surrey’s Self-Assessment of Autism services which was signed off at the previous meeting, and
- Priorities for the coming year

Members of the Partnership Board include people with autism and carers. For more information contact Tom Moore, Tel. 01737 737 132, Text 07972 012843, or email: Thomas.moore@surreycc.gov.uk,
ALZHEIMER’S SOCIETY TO CLOSE THEIR DAY CENTRES

Alzheimer’s Society will be closing four day centres in Surrey – Haslemere and Byfleet on 31st March, and The Byre and Bletchingley on 23rd June.

The Centres are under used, and have seen a steady decline in the number of people using the service over the past 18 months. This consistently low attendance has meant that they have been unable to cover the costs associated with running the centres. The low attendance is due to varying reasons, including changes in people’s personal budget and the lack of affordable transport.

Both Alzheimer's Society and the Adult Social Care Teams will be supporting all people attending the day centres to find alternative support following an assessment of their needs, as well as continued support from the charity’s Dementia Navigators.

AIRPORTS URGED TO DO MORE FOR DISABLED TRAVELLERS

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) have produced new Guidance for Airports to do more to support passengers with “hidden disabilities”, including dementia, autism, mental health problems, hearing loss, and visual impairments.

The key measures, designed in collaboration with various disability organisations, include having designated quiet areas and routes that bypass shopping areas and make travel through the airport less stressful and disorientating, and to provide information in images and audio to help people locate key public areas.

For more information contact Yasmin.broome@surreycoalition.org.uk, or Tel./Text 0745 526 7424

VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEMES

There are now nearly 100 Voluntary Car schemes operating across most parts of Surrey, and they are listed on the Surrey Community Action website: http://www.surreyca.org.uk/find-a-good-neighbour/
NEW CARERS SUPPORT SERVICE ACROSS SURREY

Historically, Surrey County Council and the NHS have awarded grants for the provision of carers support to 10 Carer Support Groups and Action for Carers Surrey's Learning & Work and GP Carers Awareness services.

With effect from 1st April 2017, Action for Carers Surrey have been commissioned to provide a combined county wide carer support service incorporating the existing Action for Carers services previously referenced.

Reflecting carers individual needs, the new service will offer carers a flexible range of support by telephone, face to face meetings where needed, local carers meetings, support groups and workshops. This will be complemented by a range of digitally based resources for carers as well as paper based information. Further, the new model will include a presence in the county's 5 acute hospitals.

The existing Carer Support Groups are working closely with Action for Carers Surrey to ensure that the transition to the new service is as smooth as possible for both carers and employees. Between now and 31st March 2017, carers will be contacted by their respective Carers Support Group to explain the new service and to seek the carer's authority to transfer their personal details to Action for Carers Surrey. As previously highlighted, support for carers around learning and work will still be available through the new carer support service and the current Learning & Work team will be contacting carers and partner organisations to explain the changes.

600 MORE HOMES FOR OLDER AND DISABLED PEOPLE

The County Council recently announced plans for a further 600 homes specifically designed for older and disabled people to be built in Surrey over the next 10 years. The Council plans to free up sites on its land for Extra Care Housing - homes with support staff on hand.

Further information about the plans, which have been set out in initial discussions with extra care home providers, can be seen in a review report approved by SCC Cabinet available here: http://tinyurl.com/j4kcov9
## UPDATES ON MENTAL HEALTH

### SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS (SPA)

FoCUS members have been working with Surrey and Borders and other partners to develop a new Single Point of Access for people in mental health crisis. It is now planned that this will go live this summer. Before Christmas they asked people to help them create a new name for this service, and a shortlist of names will be sent out soon for people to vote on.

### UPDATE ON THE INDEPENDENT MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK

A Newsletter was circulated in January to update everyone on the new Network for people with experience of mental ill health and carers in Surrey and North East Hampshire. Use this link to see the Newsletter: [http://tinyurl.com/jlthqk](http://tinyurl.com/jlthqk)

The Coordinating Group met on 30th January to review progress on the issues they had previously raised with NHS and Social Care Commissioners on the pathway from primary care to social care, mental health services for people with autism and the monitoring of psychological therapy services (IAPT). They also discussed new issues raised by members including Perinatal Mental Health services, and the impact of the proposed revision to the Section 117 After Care Policy.

The Group also discussed plans and ideas for a larger Network event to be held on **Friday 24th March**, from 10.30 to 2.30 pm at Leatherhead Leisure Centre. Please put the date in your diary.

If you would like to join the Coordinating Group or at least receive information about their work, then please contact the Network Coordinator, Ian Stronge, at ian.stronge@surreycoalition.org.uk, Tel./Text 07397 240 035

### TIME TO CHANGE SURREY

Several new initiatives are taking place this month to tackle stigma in mental health:

- On Thursday 9th February from 9.30 to 12.30, a free mental health training session combining First Steps awareness and Acting Out Theatre is taking place at the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill
- A press release has been issued for “National Time to Talk” Day on 2nd February
- A range of activities are taking place to promote Time to Talk Day and services have been encouraged to mark the day with their own activities and to complete a Time to Change Pledge
UPDATES ON MENTAL HEALTH

PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY SERVICES
A range of different psychological therapy services are commissioned by the 6 NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across Surrey, and you can self-refer for support if you are experiencing:

- Anxiety
- Stress
- Depression, including prenatal and postnatal depression
- Obsessive compulsive disorder
- Post traumatic stress disorder

If you are 18 years or older and registered with a GP, you can access this free help and support. You can contact the service yourself or your GP can refer you. It’s your choice. For information about the services in your area use this link to First Steps Mental Health Provision Service website: http://tinyurl.com/zlqgrdk, or contact us in the Coalition office for a leaflet.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP BOARD
The Partnership Board met again recently, bringing together commissioners and providers of mental health services with people representing service users and carers. These include the Co-Chairs of the Mental Health Network Coordinating Group and Chairs of the Mental Health Stakeholder Groups.

At the meeting in January they discussed:
- Plans for the new Single Point of Access for mental health crisis
- Concerns about the proposed move of inpatient beds from Epsom to Chertsey
- The pathway to Social Care from Primary and Secondary Care
- Progress in implementing the Strategy for 2014-2017

NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SERVICES
SCC Cabinet are expected to award new contracts for Mental Health Community Connections services on 31st January, following the tender process last autumn in which many of our members were involved on behalf of others with experience of mental ill health.

Details about which voluntary organisations will provide Community Connections services in each CCG area across Surrey will be publicised soon. These are very important services offering support with recovery for people with self defined mental ill health.
Members of FoCUS met in their 4 Area Groups in December 2016 and January 2017 to discuss local issues about the services provided by Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and to hear from the Trust about the Recovery College, the Care 2 Quit support to help people stop smoking, the Governor elections, and to comment on a new Discharge leaflet.

FoCUS members have also been given many other opportunities to get involved with the Trust’s activities over recent months, including:

- Participation in the mock CQC Inspection of the Trust’s Drug and Alcohol services
- To be part of the approval panel for the Trust’s CARE Excellence accreditation work
- Being involved in work in the inpatient wards to improve their goal of people feeling more involved in their care planning
- Being a representative on the Trust’s Quality Committee

If you are not already a member of FoCUS, then please contact Jane, our FoCUS Involvement Facilitator, jane.ahmed@surreycoalition.org.uk, or Tel./Text 07426 022279.

The next meetings of the 4 FoCUS Area Groups are as follows:

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NEW CHAIR OF SABP

Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust have appointed a new Chairman, replacing Richard Greenhalgh, who retires at the end of February after 6 years with the Trust.

The new Chairman, Dr Ian McPherson, starts on 1st March 2017 and will chair both the Board of Directors and Council of Governors.

Ian is a Clinical Psychologist by background and brings a wealth of experience through previous clinical, managerial and policy implementation roles having held several high profile positions working across health and social care.

As we provide the administration and support for FoCUS, we will be arranging for Ian to meet with FoCUS Representatives and members during his induction period.
Our Payroll Services

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- Complete management of the payroll processing
- paySAFE, our online portal for all your payroll documentation
- Text messaging reminder service
- Complete Auto Enrolment pension solution
- Managed account service
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