Coalition Board discuss priorities for 2016/17

Coalition Board members participated in a training session on 21st January to help them review and set goals and objectives for the coming year in light of the significant financial pressures being faced by the local authorities, at both County and Borough and District level in Surrey. Board members reviewed the 2015/16 Business Plan and were pleased that the many actions had been achieved. They then considered the priorities for Coalition members which had been identified at table discussions at the AGM in November, noting that the greatest concerns were still welfare benefits, information, personal care and support, health care and transport. The Board concluded that their first priority was to ensure that current funding for the Coalition was maintained, believing that in a time of financial constraint and cuts to funding and services it is even more important for disabled and older people to have a strong voice and to work with decision makers to ensure that the effects of savings cuts on residents are minimised.

The Coalition Board also want all our members to play an even more active role and to participate in involvement opportunities and co-design work to ensure that services are what disabled people want and need. Please see the Opportunities to have your say and to get involved given on pages 2 to 4 and pages 12 to 15.
**OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

**BECOME A CQC “EXPERT BY EXPERIENCE”**
The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is looking for more people to join their “Experts by Experience” programme and to join their Inspection Teams. They are looking for people who have personal experience of using health, mental health and / or social care services, or of caring for someone who has used these services.

If you are interested in applying to become an Expert by Experience please contact either Remploy: email: experts@remploy.co.uk, or Choice Support: email: expertsbyexperience@chociesupport.org.uk, or Tel: 0207 261 4107, or contact us in the Coalition office.

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**NEW RECOVERY COLLEGE**
The Recovery College is part of “Happy Healthy at Home” which is a Vanguard partnership between Health & Social Care organisations across Farnham and North East Hampshire. The vision is that people are supported to improve their own health and wellbeing and that when people are ill or need help, they receive the best possible joined up care. The scheme is for all people with physical or mental health conditions and carers living in the area and the idea is that people learn from each other to better manage their conditions.

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**GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON SURREY’S MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICE**
Public Health are seeking the views of people who have used the mental health promotion services called First Steps, which provides, for example, the ‘Emotion Gyms’ which you may have attended.

You can give your feedback using a survey which will be available from the Coalition office – email carol.pearson@surreycoalition.org.uk, or Tel: 01483 456558, or Text: 077809 33053

We are also inviting Maya from Public Health to the next meeting of the Surrey Mental Health Group being held on Friday 11th March from 10.30 am to 1 pm at Park House, Leatherhead, so please let Carol know if you want to attend. Two representatives of this Surrey Mental Health Group are also attending the Concept Day on 3rd March to help shape the future service.
An event to promote this new Recovery College is being held on Wednesday 10th February from 3 pm to 5 pm at Princes Hall, Aldershot. Just go along, or to find out more about Recovery College email nehfvanguard@nhs.net, or contact Alison in the Coalition office.

One of our members, Meena Sharma, is to become one of the new scheme’s Community Ambassadors. Meena has been involved with our user involvement groups for many years and her role has included training Adult Social Care staff about the needs of disabled people, and in particular those with hidden conditions. Meena was also a tutor on the NHS Expert Patient Programme, so she has a lot of experience to offer others and we wish her luck with this new role.

ATTEND YOUR LOCAL DANS GROUP

Go along to your Area Group of the Disability Alliance Network, Surrey (DANS) to hear about changes in local services and to give your views. The next meetings are being held on:

- **Mid Surrey** – **Monday 14th March**
  1.30 to 4 pm at
  Park House, Leatherhead

- **North Surrey** – **Tuesday 15th March**
  2 to 4 pm at
  Addlestones Community Centre

- **South West Surrey** – **Wednesday 16th March**
  10.30 to 12.30
  At Godalming Baptist Church

- **East Surrey** – **Monday 21st March**
  1.30 to 4 pm
  At the Orpheus Centre, Godstone

For further information and to arrange transport if needed, please contact Yasmin: email yasmin.broome@surreycc.gov.uk, Tel. 01483 517294 or Text: 07812104490
OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

GUILDFORD ACCESS GROUP

Do you live in or visit Guildford? Do you know of a shop, company or organisation that has gone out of their way in terms of accessibility for disabled people - have they gone the extra mile to make you feel welcome and also have enabled you to use their services/equipment etc.? The Access Group of Guildford is looking for nominations for the Mayor of Guildford’s Access Awards 2016. Please contact Sophie Butcher Tel. 01483 444056, or email sophie.butcher@guildford.gov.uk, or text Gemma, Vice Chair of the Access Group on 07762020438.

Also, do you live in or visit Guildford and have a disability or impairment that means that you have difficulties in accessing services, shops, and facilities in the borough? Would you like to improve the accessibility of Guildford? The Access Group of Guildford is looking for new people to join. We meet every other month, on a Tuesday 2-4 pm. At our last meeting we had a presentation on the new railway station for Guildford. If you are interested in joining, then please contact Sophie Butcher, details above.

CQC WANT TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND THEIR CARERS

We are arranging an event with Disability Rights UK to seek people’s views about the services run by Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SABP) before CQC start their Inspection of the Trust’s services on 29th February. This event is only for people with learning disabilities and their carers, families and advocates, who use any of the services provided by SABP. It is taking place on:

Tuesday 16th February
From 10.30 am to 1 pm
At Park House in Leatherhead

Please contact Carol in the Coalition office if you want to attend. Transport can be provided and travel expenses paid on the day. Tel: 01483 456 558, Text : 077809 33053, or email carol.pearson@surreycoalition.org.uk
WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING

LET’S LOOP SURREY

At the recent group meeting the members discussed various issues with the hearing loops they had checked in different venues, and were updated on the combined sight and hearing loss service which from 1st February will be provided by Sight for Surrey. The group is keen to work with Sight for Surrey in identifying more volunteer loop checkers, and there was a general feeling of positivity within the group.

Looking to the future we hope to be able to use the experience and methods of a very successful Let’s Loop group based in Swindon. This group has been given the backing of the Minister for Disabled People and this is something we would love to achieve. Watch this space and if you would like to buddy up with one of our volunteers to test hearing loops locally please contact Alison at the Coalition Office.

COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT SERVICE UPDATE

Some members of our Community Equipment Service User and Carer group have been involved in the tender process to establish a new service for the provision of community equipment for disabled and older people, be it provided by the Health Service or Social Care. Millbrook Healthcare, who currently provide this service, were the successful bidder and will start the new contract from 1st April 2016. They will be moving premises, having outgrown their current one, and will be incorporating a demonstration area for people to view and try items for themselves. They also plan to have a retail facility for people who “self fund” and hope to include a mobile service too. The new service will provide for home deliveries of community equipment between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and between 9 am and 4 pm on Saturdays. There will also be the ability for emergency hospital discharge requirements to be delivered out of hours.

So, some exciting times ahead. If you have an interest in equipment to make life easier for disabled and older people and would like to join this group, please contact Alison in the Coalition office.
WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING

DANS CHAIRS GROUP

The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the 4 Disability Alliance Network Surrey (DANS) Groups meet every two months to coordinate people’s views on county wide issues and to plan future activities.

At their meeting in December they:

- Reviewed progress on updating the list of Accessible venues
- Concluded work on reviewing the draft Adult Social Care Local Account
- Agreed actions to monitor implementation of the NHS England Accessible Information Standard
- Started planning the 2016 Conference.

At their next meeting in February they will be discussing:

- The NHS Accessible Information Standard with Healthwatch Surrey Chief Executive, Kate Scribbins
- Plans for seeking DANS members’ views on the proposed changes in bus services included in the next phase of the County Council’s Local Transport Review
- Implementation of the closure of the County Council’s Care Homes, and
- The new franchise for South West Trains, on which they have recently submitted a response to DfT Stakeholder consultation

The DANS Chairs and Vice-Chairs also recently attended refresher training on the role of the chair, and are pictured here during the training.

See page 3 for the dates of the next meetings of the 4 Disability Alliance Network Surrey (DANS) Groups, being held in March, go along to get involved and have your say.
WHAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DOING

NEW LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM STRATEGY

People with learning disabilities and autism, and their carers and families, have been encouraged to comment on a new draft strategy for 2016 to 2020, which was out for consultation until the end of January 2016. Comments received will be reviewed by the Learning Disability and Autism Partnership Boards and included in the final version of the strategy.

HEARING AND SIGHT SUPPORT BUS

Members of Surrey Hard of Hearing Forum visited the sensory equipment bus after their meeting in December to review the contents and make further suggestions for improving the information, advice and equipment provided.

ADVOCACY TAKE UP CONTINUES TO RISE

Surrey residents have been fortunate to have had access to a county wide advocacy service for nearly 4 years and the numbers of people benefiting has continued to rise. The service is provided by a partnership of 5 organisations led by our partner, Surrey Disabled People’s Partnership, and 4305 residents have been supported over the past 3 ½ years, including new referrals under the Care Act, from April 2015.

To request an Advocate to help you to address your problems contact:

- https://www.sdpp.org.uk/services/advocacy-referral-form.php - to make an online referral
- Tel: 0300 030 7333
- Text/SMS: 07561 392818
UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH

JOIN FoCUS

FoCUS is the Forum of Carers and people who Use the Services of Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Join FoCUS to find out what the Trust is doing and attend meetings of your local Area Group to give your views, good and bad, on the mental health services you receive. To join FoCUS contact carol.pearson@surreycoalition.org.uk, Tel: 01483 456 558, or Text: 077809 33053.

THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE FoCUS AREA GROUPS are on:

- **South West Surrey** – Wednesday 2\(^{nd}\) March
  1 to 3 pm at Godalming Baptist Church

- **East & Mid Surrey** – Monday 7\(^{th}\) March
  1 – 3 pm at Park House, Leatherhead

- **West Surrey/North East Hants** – Thursday 10\(^{th}\) March
  1 – 3 pm at High Cross Church, Camberley

- **North West Surrey** – Monday 14\(^{th}\) March
  1 – 3 pm at Chertsey Halls

Topics being discussed at the March meetings include the Trust’s Annual Plan for 2016/17 and their draft Equality Delivery System. There is also the opportunity for you to raise local issue, based on your experiences.

Please contact Carol Pearson if you would like to attend. Transport can be provided if required, and travel expenses are paid on the day.

SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS PROJECT

SABP are leading a multi agency project to set up a Single Point of Access (SPA) for mental health crisis. This is just one of the new initiatives being implemented to improve crisis services under the Surrey Mental Health Crisis Concordat.

2 FoCUS members have been nominated to represent people using services and carers on the Project Steering Group, and a series of co-design events are being planned for the Spring. The project manager, Sara Saunders, will then attend the 4 FoCUS Area Groups in the Summer to involve people in emerging plans for the SPA.
FOCUS ON FoCUS
This is the quarterly Newsletter produced by our FoCUS Involvement Facilitator. A copy of the issue published in January is enclosed for members interested in mental health. Read about what FoCUS members have achieved.

FOCUS INVOLVEMENT FACILITATOR
Sadly, our FoCUS Involvement Facilitator, Christine Schauerman, left in mid January to take up a full time role at Mary Frances Trust. We are now advertising for her replacement so if you are interested in applying for this part-time role (12 hours p.w.) please contact Carol Pearson in the Coalition office. The closing date is 15th February.

CQC INSPECTION OF SABP
The Care Quality Commission (CQC) will start their Inspection of Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust on Monday 29th February.

CQC want to hear people’s views about the services run by SABP in advance of their Inspection and a letter has been received recently from Sir Mike Richards, the CQC Chief Inspector of Hospitals, inviting people to tell them about their experiences of care provided by SABP.

Click here to send your views.

Two of the CQC Inspection team attended our Surrey Independent Mental Health Group on 11th December to explain the Inspection process and to hear people’s views. Also, 4 FoCUS members attended SABP’s Mock Inspection event on 20th January.

MENTAL HEALTH CARERS
SABP have a Carers Action Group (CAG), coordinated by Ann Stevenson, which all carers of people with mental health issues are welcome to join. Meetings are bi-monthly, usually on Tuesdays or Fridays from 1 to 3 pm at SABP HQ. Email ann.stevenson@sabp.nhs.uk if you are interested. Reports from CAG are now going to each quarterly meeting of the FoCUS Committee so that the work of CAG and FoCUS is more joined up. SABP held a very successful Members Event on “Carers Matter” on 28th January. Email engage@sabp.nhs.uk if you would like more information.
SAFE HAVENS
The NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups have been leading local stakeholder involvement to develop plans for a Safe Haven in each CCG area, based on the successful model of the Aldershot Café. Brief updates are as follows:

- **A Safe Haven has opened in Camberley.** This is open Friday and Monday evenings and is linked to the Safe Haven in Aldershot.
- **Guildford & Waverley** CCG undertook consultation with local people to see where the Safe Haven should be situated. Local people voted for Guildford and plans are in place to open a Safe Haven at Oak Leaf by the end of March.
- **North West Surrey** CCG opened a Safe Haven in Woking at the Marjorie Richardson Centre just before Christmas.
- **In Surrey Downs** the chosen venue for the Safe Haven is at The Larches in Epsom, and FoCUS members have been asked for their comments on the draft leaflet.
- **In East Surrey** the Wingfield Centre in Redhill is being refurbished and the Safe Haven will be open by the end of March.

These Safe Havens are for people to use if they are in an emotional or mental health crisis, and will usually be open from 6 pm to 11 pm daily when usual services are not available. Opening times may however vary locally.

More updates next time.

A NEW MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK
The Shaping Group, set up following the initial workshop held on 25th September last year, has now met twice to progress ideas for setting up a new and stronger voice for people with experience of mental illness and carers. The Shaping Group has discussed and agreed on the vision for the new network and on its structure and reach, and hope to be able to share their proposals more widely following their next meeting on 19th February.
NEWS IN BRIEF

HOSPITAL MERGER TO GO AHEAD

On 28th January the Boards of both Ashford and St. Peter’s Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust approved the full business case and financial plans for their proposed merger. The decision was made by each Board independently at their respective Board meetings.

The next step in the formal process will be a detailed assessment by Monitor, the health sector regulator and at a later stage, formal approval by both Boards and Councils of Governors.

In the meantime the two Hospital Trusts will continue to work together to address current operational and financial challenges ahead of a formal start date. Subject to the necessary approvals, the earliest start date would be Summer 2016.

The Trusts are holding public meetings to discuss their plans, and the next ones are on:

**Monday 15th February 2016**
Haslewey Centre, Haslemere
7.00 – 8.30 pm

**Wednesday 17th Feb 2016**
Education Centre, Ashford
Hospital 6.30—8.00 pm

**Tuesday 23rd February 2016**
Dorking Christian Centre,
Dorking 7.00 – 8.30 pm

**Wednesday 2nd March 2016**
St. James Church Hall, Weybridge
6.00 – 7.30 pm

**Thursday 17th March 2016**
Chiddingfold Village Hall
6.30 – 8.00 pm

**Monday 21st March 2016**
Bramley Village Hall
7.00 – 8.30 pm

Please go along to a meeting to hear more and to give your views.

We have also agreed with the Trusts to hold a special engagement event to enable disabled people to give their views on future plans for the merged Trusts. More details later.

WINNER OF DECEMBER WORD SEARCH

Many thanks to those of you who entered our Christmas Word Search competition in the December Issue of Coalition News.

The lucky winner of a £10 gift voucher was Jonathan Hall, who is an active Coalition member and will be well known to many.

Congratulations Jonathan
OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

PUBLIC MEETING IN GUILDFORD

The Guildford Health & Wellbeing Board are holding a public meeting

On **Wednesday 24th February**
From 2 to 4.30 pm
At Guildhall, High Street, Guildford

Go along to hear about Public Health Priorities and the GP Referral scheme, and then visit the Information Stands and attend workshops to help develop the priorities for Guildford residents.

Please RSVP by 12th February, email helen.barnsley@guildford.gov.uk, Tel.: 01483 444 218. **Places are limited.**

GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON THE NHS IN NORTH WEST SURREY

Go along to one of the co-design events being held by North West Surrey CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) to help them improve local **NHS Community Services.**

The events are being held on

- **Friday 12th February**
  From 10 am to 1 pm (with lunch)
  At Chertsey Halls, Heriot Road, Chertsey, KT16 9DR

Or more places are available on:

- **Thursday 18th February**
  From 10 am to 1 pm (with lunch), at Saint Columba’s House, Maybury Hill, Woking, GU22 8AB

The events are to help co-design the future Community Health Services contract from April 2017.

If you are interested, please Tel. 01932 232 463, or Text 07930 635 657, or email glynis.mcdonald@nwsurreyccg.nhs.uk, saying which one you wish to attend.
COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES

Surrey County Council have started a public consultation on the next phase of their Local Transport Review which proposes further changes to local bus services. Consultation ends on Monday 14th March, and you can have your say in a number of ways:

- Complete the online survey at www.surreycc.gov.uk/transportreview
- Complete a paper questionnaire available in libraries, Council offices and on buses in the affected areas
- Phone 0300 200 1003 or send an SMS text to 07527 182 861 to request a questionnaire
- Email localtransportreview@surreycc.gov.uk, or
- Write to Local Transport Review at County Hall, Kingston, KT1 2DW

We also hope that Council Transport offices will be able to attend the local DANS meetings in early March to hear your views (see page 3 for dates of the March meetings of the Disability Alliance Network, Surrey (DANS))

OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON ADULT SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES

Public Health will be tendering for a new Tier 2 Adult Substance Misuse service from 1st April 2017. This is likely to include a number of different services including 2 tier drug and alcohol services, targeted interventions for people with complex needs, needle exchange, support for carers and families, and more.

They want people to complete an online survey as part of their stakeholder engagement to help shape the future service. The survey is live until 28th February – use this link to access the survey:

https://www.surreysays.co.uk/public-health-health-improvement/feedback-for-surreys-substance-misus

Public Health are also holding focus groups on 22nd, 23rd and 24th February – contact i.saunders@surreycc.gov.uk for more information.
MOLE VALLEY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mole Valley District Council are seeking the views of their residents on how the infrastructure could be improved – for example, transport links, access to affordable housing, health and leisure facilities.

Please give your views by completing their online survey at www.molevalley.gov.uk/INA.

The survey closes on 29th February.

VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ENGAGEMENT

NHS England have started engagement on mental health services for veterans, and the survey and supporting information can be found here:

https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/survey/veterans-mental-health-services

Please complete the survey if you are a veteran who has or has had a mental health condition, or if you know a veteran who has.

The deadline for responses is 5 pm on 31st March 2016

NEW VOICE NETWORK 2016 ROADSHOW

Surrey Community Action are working in partnership with Healthwatch Surrey to run a series of new listening events across Surrey. The Roadshows are to enable people to discuss whether the health and social care needs of local residents are being met. The first event is on

Thursday 3rd March
From 10 am to 12 noon
At Redhill Methodist Church

If you would like to attend email Kelly at info@surreyca.org.uk, or Tel. 01483 566 072, or Text Healthwatch Surrey on 07592 787533
## OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY

### WAVERLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

An interactive workshop is being held to develop creative and practical solutions to some of the challenges faced in the care system in Waverley. This is on:

**Tuesday 15th March**
- From 10 am to 4.30 pm
- At Farnham Castle

Contact Alison in the Coalition office if you would like to attend.

### SURREY DOWNS COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

Have your say on the consultation being run by Surrey Downs CCG on Community Hospital Services in the Mid Surrey area (Epsom & Ewell, Banstead, Mole Valley and East Elmbridge).

Formal consultation has just started and will run for 14 weeks until 5th May 2016. Click on the link to see the consultation document.

[www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk/communityhospitalservices](http://www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk/communityhospitalservices)

Go along to the Mid Surrey DANS (Disability Alliance Network) meeting on **Monday 14th March** to hear more (see page 3) for details.

For more information on the changes to the Community Hospitals contact: pollymarch.mather@surreydownsccg.nhs.uk, or Tel: 01372 201 793 or Text 07990 733 175

### CQC CONSULTATION

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is seeking views on its plans for the next 5 years.

You can respond by emailing CQC at: strategyconsultation@cqc.org.uk

Use this link to see the consultation document:

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/2016-2021-strategy-consultation](http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/2016-2021-strategy-consultation)

Healthwatch Surrey plan to send a response to this consultation, so let us know if you want to contribute, contact us in the Coalition office.
## INFORMATION FOR YOU

### UNIVERSAL CREDIT TO START IN SURREY IN FEBRUARY 2016

Welfare benefits claimants living in Surrey postcode areas will come under Universal credit provisions this month.

**From 15th February** for clients living in:
- Epsom & Ewell
- Runnymede
- Mole Valley
- Surrey Heath
- Tandridge and Waverley

**From 29th February** for clients living in:
- Elmbridge
- Guildford
- Spelthorne
- Reigate and Banstead
- Woking

For support to apply, contact Get Wi£e Benefits Advice service
- Contact Number: 0300 030 9432
- Contact SMS: 07561 392 818
- Contact Email: info@getwisepre.org.uk

## OTHER NEWSLETTERS

We have recently received newsletters from many partner organisations. Contact us in the Coalition office if you would like a copy of any of these:

- **Surrey Welfare Rights Unit** – Winter Newsletter
- **Surrey Community Action** – January Newsletter
- **Healthwatch Surrey News** – January
- **Surrey Downs CCG** Newsletter
- **Family Voice Surrey** E-News
- **Surrey Self Advocacy Network** – Newsletter
- **The Freewheelers Theatre Company** – January Newsletter
- **Sight for Surrey** E-Bulletin – January
- **Shaping our Lives** – latest news for January 2016
- **White Lodge Centre** – January Newsletter
- **First Steps** – January Newsletter
- **MS Society Surrey Branch** – February to April 2016 Newsletter
- **SCAN** Newsletter – February 2016
- **Surrey Faith Links** – February Newsletter
- **Disabled Motoring UK** – February 2016
NEW SERVICES

NEW COMBINED SENSORY SERVICE

On 1st February, Sight for Surrey, started to deliver a new contract with Surrey County Council to provide specialist services for people who are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing in addition to the services they have traditionally provided for people with a visual impairment or combined sight and hearing loss.

Members of Surrey Vision Action Group, Surrey Hard of Hearing Forum and Surrey Deaf Forum have been working with Sight for Surrey to co-design their initial plans for delivering the new service and are keen to continue to help Sight for Surrey to design specialised and cost effective services to meet the needs of an ever growing number of people with sight or hearing loss in Surrey.

The new contact details for the service from 1st February are:

- Telephone: 01372 377 701
- Direct dial (for Deaf and hard of hearing): 01372 869 961
- Skype: sensory.services
- Minicom: 01372 361 517
- SMS Text: 07500 926 834
- Email: info@sensoryservices.org.uk

DEMENTIA CARERS COFFEE SESSIONS

Surrey Libraries are organising coffee sessions across Surrey for people with dementia and their carers. These are being run with the Alzheimer’s Society and Age UK Surrey to provide information on services available to support people with dementia. The sessions are on:

- **Wednesday 24th February**, 1 – 3
  At the Vyne Community Centre, Knaphill, Woking

- **Thursday 17th March**, 10 – 12
  At Oxted Library

- **Wednesday 13th April**, 10 – 12
  At the Fairfield Centre, Leatherhead

- **Tuesday 17th May**, 10 – 12
  At Walton Library

For more information contact steve.sansom@surreycc.gov.uk
Tel: 01483 541 518 or Text: 07989 697 342.
LOOKING AFTER SOMEONE?
This is the title of a new booklet ‘A guide to Carer’s Support in Surrey”, produced by Adult Social Care.

For a copy contact us in the Coalition office or email adults.communications@surreycc.gov.uk

EMPLOYMENT WORKS FOR AUTISM
After a successful 1 year pilot, Surrey Choices has been funded for a further year to run their ‘Employment Works for Autism’ programme. This is being funded by the DWP, via Job Centres, to provide specialist support for people with autism living in Surrey. The programme is focused on helping 30 people find a 6 month unpaid internship to help them move closer to paid work.

The programme starts in March 2016, led by EmployAbility in partnership with the National Autistic Society Surrey Branch, Surrey County Council and Job Centres.

Applications will be through the Job Centres, but you can get further information from Surrey Choices:

Tel. 01483 806 806,
Text: 07860 918 218 or
email: employability@surreychoices.com

STROKE AWARENESS
The Stroke Association are holding Drop In sessions at Staines Hub, 4 Thames Street, Staines upon Thames, TW18 4SD, to promote awareness of stroke and to answer people’s questions.

Call in to the Hub between 1 and 3 on the following dates:

- Wednesday 6th April
- Wednesday 8th June
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(w) www.dhdirectpayments.co.uk

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| SOUTHWEST TRAINS |
| ACCESSIBILITY CONFERENCE |
| Tuesday 15th March 2016 |
| At Network Rail Basingstoke Campus |
| The Accessibility Conference is from 9 am to 12.30 pm followed by lunch. |
| Their Stakeholder Conference is then from 1.30 to 5 pm |
| Contact us in the Coalition Office to book your place |

| NW SURREY CCG |
| CO-DESIGN EVENT |
| Help improve your local NHS Community Services |
| On Friday 12th February |
| From 10 to 1, at Chertsey Halls, |
| Or |
| On Thursday 18th February |
| From 10 to 1 at |
| St Coloumba’s in Woking |
| See page 12 for more information |

| GUILDFORD HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING |
| Wednesday 24th February 2016 |
| 2 – 4.30 pm |
| Guildhall, Guildford |
| See page 12 for more information |

| SURREY INFORMATION SUMMIT 2016 |
| Tuesday 1st March 2016 |
| 10 am to 5 pm at Dorking Halls |
| For Information providers to hear about new initiatives and network, to improve the information and advice available to Surrey residents. |
| Contact: adults.events@surreycc.gov.uk |