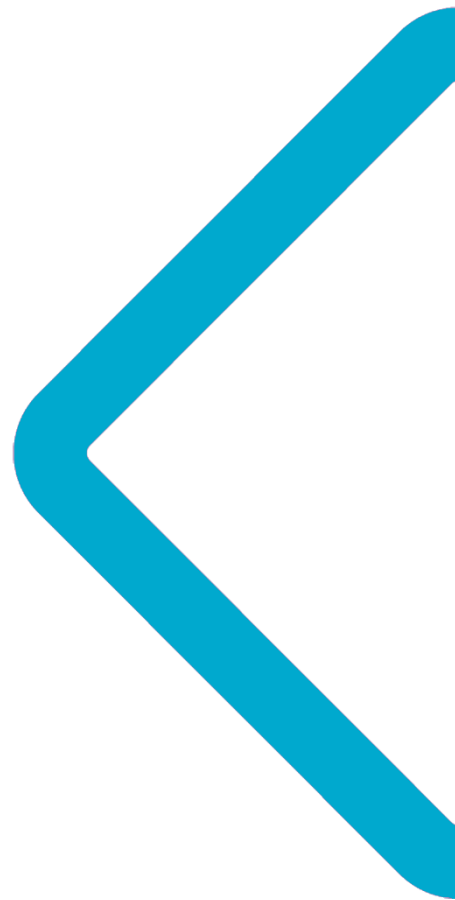


Update for Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care)

January 2023

If you would like more information about any of the items contained in this update, if you have any questions about local health services, or any particular issues you would like to raise, please call 07557 205 544.



An update from Primary Care 24

Primary Care 24 (PC24) are pleased to announce that they're now in a position to re-open both the Netherton and Seaforth practices to patients.

During the pandemic, as a temporary measure to improve patient access, PC24 merged some of their GP Practices together in order to strengthen and deliver services safely during this time.

This arrangement enabled staff from the merged practices to work as one stronger collaborative team, operating from a single base, whilst maximising efficiency, and reducing infection control issues.

The Seaforth Practice will now be opened three times per week whilst the Netherton practice will be opened four times per week.

Steve Evans, Director of Operations and Transformation said, "Being able to reopen these practices means that we are able to offer patients more choice of where they would like to be seen and in many cases this will be much more convenient for them"

All the patients served by these two practices will be contacted and made aware of the changes and dates.

Residents reminded about enhanced access service

We have reminded residents registered with a GP in Sefton about the evening and weekend appointments available across Sefton as part of the enhanced access service.

The service provides patients with access to pre-bookable appointments outside of normal practice hours to ensure that people can get the right care when convenient for them. A range of services are available for residents including routine appointments, smear tests, screenings and more.

Patients can pre-book appointments with the enhanced access service through their own GP practice either by calling or visiting their usual practice during normal opening hours.

The services differ slightly in south Sefton and Southport and Formby, read more here: www.seftonpartnership.org.uk/enhanced-access-sefton

Keeping warm and well in the cold weather

Bad weather can be a hazard for vulnerable people or those with long term health conditions. With weather warnings in place and frosty temperatures forecast for mid December, Sefton residents were reminded to look out for their relatives, friends and neighbours, and to follow the NHS advice on keeping safe and well.

They were also reminded about the Sefton Warm Spaces which include libraries, community centres, luncheon club, charities and places of worships will be open to the public. Venues are open on different days and at different times with some in the mornings, some in the afternoons and some stretching into the evening.

We also reminded people to be prepared with stocked up cupboards of food and medication ahead of the festive period should they need it and where to get help should they become ill. Read the full piece here: www.seftonpartnership.org.uk/keeping-warm-and-well

Winter planning

Funding has been allocated to Sefton toward the winter plan and projects have been developed with a strong focus on the voluntary, community and faith sector. Funding will also be prioritised to support hospital discharge and our Place Director will be working with partners on allocating that funding.

Advice on Strep A in children

Group A streptococcus (GAS) is a common bacteria. Lots of us carry it in our throats and on our skin and it doesn't always result in illness. However, GAS does cause a number of infections, some mild and some more serious.

The most serious infections linked to GAS come from invasive group A strep, known as iGAS. These infections are caused by the bacteria getting into parts of the body where it is not normally found, such as the lungs or bloodstream. In rare cases an iGAS infection can be fatal.

Whilst iGAS infections are still uncommon, there has been an increase in cases this year, particularly in children under 10 and sadly, a small number of deaths.

We have been sharing the UK Health and Security Agency advice on the rise in strep A in children and the signs and symptoms for parents to be aware of:
www.seftonpartnership.org.uk/strep-a

HSJ Partnership Awards 2023 Shortlist Announcement

Sefton Council for Voluntary Service (CVS), NHS Cheshire and Merseyside in Sefton and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust are delighted to announce that the High Intensity Use (HIU) of Services team have been shortlisted for 'Best Not for Profit Working In Partnership With The NHS' at the HSJ Partnership Awards 2023, recognising their outstanding dedication to improving healthcare and effective collaboration with the NHS.

The national healthcare sector faced innumerable pressures over the past 12 months – yet the standard and overriding positivity of the partnerships this year highlight the enduring dedication to improving patient outcomes.

The HIU team support some of the most vulnerable and complex people in our communities and the service is the glue that bring partners together to wrap care around our residents and literally changes people's lives in Sefton. This is a true example of partnership working and how it can really work to help our residents and ease the pressures on local services.

New Sefton Partnership website

We have recently launched our new temporary Sefton Partnership website which replaces the archived clinical commissioning group websites following the transition to NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB on 1 July. This will be used as an interim platform to share key information for residents, our own news and updates as well as our partners news until a permanent website is built for the partnership.

The website can be found here and we are welcoming feedback from our partners:

www.seftonpartnership.org.uk

Please send any feedback to: communications@sefton.nhs.uk

Closing remarks

OSC members are recommended to note this report.

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