

Video: Listening will lead to positive changes for young people



[Watch our short video](#) to see Young Listeners Millie and Jessie talk about what they are learning and how they are making a difference by talking to young people about their health and social care experiences.

Vaccination survey closes end of August

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What do you think about Dorset's Covid-19 vaccine programme?

Share your views and help make health care better for you and your community

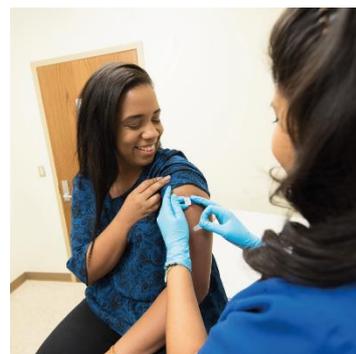
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Our survey gathering people's views and experiences of Dorset's COVID-19 vaccine programme closes at the end of August. Since mid-June, all adults aged 18 and over have been encouraged to get vaccinated, so this is a call out for everyone, especially younger people, who have not yet shared their feedback to tell us what they think. [Find out more and complete our survey.](#)

Walk-in Covid jabs for people aged 18+

Everyone aged 18 and over can now walk-in and get a Covid-19 vaccination without booking an appointment in advance. Dorset NHS are advising that the Pfizer first dose is being offered to everyone and is not restricted by age. Your second jab will be eight weeks after your first as this offers the best protection against the delta variant of the virus. [Find out about current walk-in vaccination sites in Dorset.](#)



Come and say hello at the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show



We're looking forward to meeting people in person at the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 August 2021. If you want to share your health and care feedback, ask us a question, or just pop by and say hello, we'd love to see you. [Find out more about the show.](#)

Care and support in the last years of life: What matters to you?

Dorset NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is asking people with experience of care and support in the last years of life to share their views to help shape the future of local services. Fewer people are dying in hospital, and more are choosing to die at home or in other settings. The CCG wants to make

sure there is consistent access to quality care across Dorset with a focus on what matters to local people.

Whether you're a patient, family member, friend or carer, or you work to provide palliative care, find out more and complete the [online survey](#) **by 8 August**. You can also get in touch via email: communications@dorsetccg.nhs.uk or phone: 0333 241 2495.



Help improve hospital outpatient services in the South West

Do you have experience of outpatient care in the last two years? Are you interested in helping the NHS to improve outpatient services in hospitals across the South West? If so, the NHS England Improvement team would like to hear from you. They are looking for people to take part in a Patient and Public Advisory Reference Group.

For more information and to register your interest [click here](#). To learn more about how the NHS is transforming outpatient services for patients, visit: [NHS England » Outpatient Transformation Programme](#).



Dorset Carers Hub picnic – Sat 28 August



Dorset Carers Hub are organising a picnic with stalls, games and activities for all the family, at St Osmunds School in Dorchester, on Saturday 28 August between 12 noon – 4.30pm. Carers and their families can [book via the website](#) and professionals can book by emailing Sue Watson, Co-founder & Manager Dorset Carers Hub: suziemwatson@gmail.com.

Updated hospital discharge guidance reflects public feedback

National guidance on hospital discharge has been updated to reflect recommendations made by Healthwatch England, based on the experiences of nearly 600 people who left hospital during the pandemic. This is a great example of what can be accomplished with your feedback. [Find out more.](#)



Share our news

If you know someone who would be interested in keeping up to date with our news, please share this bulletin and the [sign-up link](#).

Speak up and help make health and social care better for you and your community

Healthwatch Dorset is the county's independent health and care champion. We exist to ensure that people are at the heart of care. Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers listen to what people like about local health and care services, and what could be improved. These views are then shared with the decision-making organisations in the county, so together we can make a real difference. We cover the geographical area of Dorset, which includes the unitary authority areas of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and Dorset.



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