# George Eliot Hospital
## GP E-News

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**Welcome to the latest edition of the George Eliot Hospital GP E-news bulletin, designed to keep GP colleagues up to date with the latest happenings at the hospital.**

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### GP liaison service

Don't forget, the Trust's GP liaison service gives you the opportunity to tell us how you think we could improve our service to you or our patients, tell us about your issues and concerns relating to individual patients or specific services and tell us about positive experiences and what we do well. The service can be contacted on 07825 935085 or at gpliaison@geh.nhs.uk. The service is available Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 8am-4pm. Out of hours an answer phone service is available.

### Trust talks to potential partners about options for the future

George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust has announced the organisations it is talking to as it develops plans to secure a sustainable future. The Trust is currently in informal discussions with six organisations—three NHS organisations and three private organisations. Click here for more information.

### New strategy to improve mortality rates

GP colleagues should be aware that the Trust launched a major strategy earlier in the year to address our historically high mortality rates. Following the launch of this strategy, early indications suggest good progress is being made. The Trust is regularly reviewing its action plan and the mortality rate for December 2011 was 97.4 – the first time the rate has fallen below 100 in the last few years. The Trust is seeking to make significant and sustainable improvements to its mortality rates through improving practices internally within the hospital and through collaboration with colleagues in primary and community care.

### Ophthalmology service

From 1st April 2012, all ophthalmology services at George Eliot Hospital will be provided by Newmedica. The service currently provides over 15,000 patient appointments a year and this arrangement will allow the Trust to meet the growing demand for care following the withdrawal of local consultant input from University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW). Newmedica has a strong track record of working in partnership with NHS Trusts to provide high quality ophthalmology services and has been providing services on the site alongside consultants from UHCW for the last 18 months. Click here for more information.

### Prostate checks

All local men are invited to undergo a free prostate check-up at George Eliot Hospital on Saturday 14 April. Appointments are available between 9am-3.30pm and are open to men between the ages of 50-75 who have not had any previous investigation for prostate problems. Check-ups must be booked by contacting Jean Whittaker on 02476 865400. Trust specialists will be on hand to carry out the check-up and offer health advice.

### Metal-on-metal hip replacements

Following recent media coverage of metal-on-metal hip replacements, specialists at George Eliot Hospital have acted to reassure local people who have undergone such a procedure. Click here for more information.

### Oasis Relaxation Project

The Trust has become the first in England to launch an innovative new project aimed at helping patients prepare for surgery. The initiative will allow patients about to undergo surgery or other procedures to access relaxation treatment and techniques such as aromatherapy, hand massage and breathing exercises.
Click here for more information.

### Improvements to Trust website

The Trust is undertaking a major overhaul of its existing web site and we would really value your help to improve it: (www.geh.nhs.uk). Please take a couple of minutes to complete our website questionnaire to give us your views about what you most want to see on our web site – click here to access.

### New consultant

Following the retirement of Consultant Surgeon Mr Parkananthan at Christmas, the Trust is pleased to welcome locum General and Colorectal Consultant Mr Chandratreya. A permanent replacement for Mr Parkananthan will join the Trust in the summer. Please ensure that you send all endocrine referrals to Mr Makam Kishore.

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