

## PRESS RELEASE

### Patients to have their say on new GP services

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PATIENTS across Worcestershire are getting the chance to have their say on what services they would like to see provided from a new GP led health centre.

A spokesperson for the PCT said: "This is a real opportunity for members of the public to tell us what they want. Although this is a national initiative, Worcestershire PCT is really keen to shape this service around the views of Worcestershire residents."

The GP led health centre will be a new service in Worcester that offers GP and nurse appointments 8am to 8pm seven days a week. The government has stated that this must be up and running by the end of March 2009.

It will offer a full range of GP services to all members of the local population (whether or not they choose to be registered with this centre), including pre-bookable appointments, walk-in services and other services including emergency contraception, screening services, and healthy lifestyle advice such as how to stop smoking or manage weight.

This service can be accessed by any member of the public, regardless of where they live.

In conjunction with the Research and Intelligence Unit at Worcestershire County Council, Worcestershire Primary Care Trust (PCT) will survey approximately 2,000 members of the public by post next week.

The survey can also be completed online at [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/researchweb/gpc/gp\\_centre.htm](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/researchweb/gpc/gp_centre.htm)

The PCT is now in the process of inviting suitably qualified healthcare providers to participate in the procurement of the new GP led health centre.

Anyone interested in providing the services in the new GP led health centre must 'express their interest' by Monday, June 9.

Further information on the new GP led health centre and details of the advert are available via the PCT website at <http://www.worcestershirehealth.nhs.uk/WorcestershirePCT/>

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