

GP waiting times Healthwatch report

“The Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) welcomes the report into GP waiting times produced by Healthwatch today which highlights the increasing pressure on primary care practices to provide patient appointments.

Over the past 18 months GP practices have been focused on maintaining access in the face of a significant reduction in the number of GPs available. Access to primary care is a key part of the draft Primary Care CCG strategy which is out for consultation with the Public until mid-February. The draft Primary Care strategy focuses on proposing a range of ways of accessing care using on line tools as well as face-to-face consultations. The CCG and practices will be working with patients going forward to ensure that primary care continues to provide a high quality accessible service for Island patients.”

Islanders are actively encouraged to send in their comments/suggestions on the draft Primary Care strategy available on the CCG website: <http://www.isleofwightccg.nhs.uk/>

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