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Could you help us improve our continence services?

We are looking for people who have, or have had, bladder and bowel problems to join us for an afternoon to look at ways of bringing earlier and better support to our patients. Relatives or carers of this patient group would also be welcome to share their experiences.

We are particularly looking at your feedback and views on these three main themes:

- exploring how self-help groups could provide support to people with continence issues
- developing a checklist that could support GPs to decide when to refer patients to LPT's specialist continence nursing service
- how different types of continence issues are prioritised by our service.



The event will bring together GPs, patients, their relatives/carers, specialist and non-specialist nurses.

Chris Rippin, lead for LPT's continence service, said: "Being incontinent is not an inevitable part of the ageing process. It is a symptom of an underlying cause.

"We hope this event will help develop ways in which patient and clinicians can identify and tackle those underlying causes at an earlier stage."

The event takes place at the NSPCC Education and Training Centre, 3 Gilmour Close, Beaumont Leys, Leicester, LE4 1EZ, on Tuesday 19 March from 2-4pm. Please note all attendees must book in advance by emailing CHSTransformationTeam@leicspart.nhs.uk or calling 01509 410 274.

If you cannot attend, you can submit your comments to CHSTransformationTeam@leicspart.nhs.uk .

NOTES TO EDITORS

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk.

Raising Health is our registered charity (number 1057361) which raises funds to support LPT's excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision, to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff. www.raisinghealth.org.uk

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