

Presentation by Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group

**'Health Care provision in the Borough, now and going forward'**

The Government's plans for the NHS are giving new opportunities for GPs in primary care to work with partners to 'join up' health and social care for residents. These partners include: Ashford's patients, hospital staff (secondary care), Kent County Council (KCC) Social Services (for those needing more support with everyday living), Ashford Borough Council and the voluntary sector. Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group's aim is to ensure that decisions made for residents meet everyone's needs.

Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group (ACCG) is grasping this opportunity, and is already working more closely with all these organisations.

The clinical commissioning group is new, but the GPs of Ashford have been talking together about the health needs of our community for some years. The difference now is that the Government is actively promoting this work, and ACCG plans to be a fully approved commissioning group by April 2013.

The presentation tonight will explain how these changes will affect, and be relevant to, the residents of Ashford Borough.