

Independent scrutiny of NHS Boards proposals for major changes in local NHS services

Please write your response here (please continue on a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.)

Question 1: Do you agree that an expert panel is the most effective way to provide independent scrutiny? If not, what would be your preferred choice?

I agree that the "Expert Panel" and the conclusion described on page 12 to reflect a satisfactory option. "Balance the Panel with 9 people".

Question 2: Do you agree that the role of the panel should be to assess the safety, sustainability, evidence-base and value for money of NHS Boards proposals for major changes to local NHS services?

I do agree that the panel will provide satisfactory services.

Question 3: Do you agree that the chair should be a lay person appointed by Scottish Ministers?

It would depend on the "Lay persons background academically, and their commitment to serve long term.

Question 4: Do you agree that the panel should have a lay majority among its members?

I do not agree that "Lay members" should have the majority vote. Question 2-3 relate to the backgrounds of the people is important

Question 5: Do you agree that the panel should assess the evidence and options during the process of public engagement prior to consultation, and provide a commentary on these that would be available to the Board and to Ministers in reaching decisions?

*Access to evidence and options
must be available to members*

Question 6. Do you have any other comments on how independent scrutiny should be carried out, or on the guidance on "Informing, engaging and consulting the public in developing health and community care services" at Annex 3?

*If Informing, engaging and
consultation with the public
is followed only good
results can come forward.*

Question 7

Do you have any other comments on either the consultation process or your preferred choice?

This is a great start to providing the "NHS" with the most effective communication and follow up.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation. We will acknowledge receipt of your response.

Independent scrutiny

The independent examination of proposals for major change in NHS services

Annexes

Annex 1 Background Information

Annex 2: The preferred option - an independent scrutiny panel

Annex 3 Guidance on informing, engaging and consulting the public in developing health and community care services