

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?

Probably, but it needs to be transparent how the nomination process of non-clinical members is arrived at.

In Ayr, we are very wary of 'experts' dictating what is best for us and then voting on their own proposals.

The recent A&E process was shockingly handled by the local NHS Board with total lack of taking local feeling into account.

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?

The four criteria are important but without local consultation and input in an effective way we could be on our way back to square one.

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

Yes

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

Yes

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?

No. This amounts to narrowing the options too early and not enabling a full proper consultation.

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?

Without transparency and meaningful consultation with the public, this exercise will be meaningless.

Question 7 Do you have any other comments on either the consultation process or your preferred choice?

*I think that you can see
where I am coming from*

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

This is possibly required for Question 6.

Annex A

INFORMING, ENGAGING AND CONSULTING THE PUBLIC IN DEVELOPING HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

This annex gives some pointers of where Boards can find further information or support when involving and engaging the public.

This list is not exhaustive but provides information on broad themes, which can be tailored to suit specific needs.

Designated Directors for Patient Focus and Public Involvement

Each NHS Board has a nominated executive lead with strategic responsibility for the development and implementation of the Patient Focus and Public Involvement activities of NHS Boards. For contact details in a specific NHS Board area contact SEHD Patients and Quality Division (details below).

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (www.nhshealthquality.org)

Responsible for developing patient focused standards
Elliott House
8-10 Hillside Crescent
Edinburgh
EH7 5EA
Telephone: 0131 623 4300

NHS Education for Scotland (www.nes.scot.nhs.uk)

Responsible for educational framework in relation to Patient Focus and Public involvement and for development of the e-library web portals
Equality In Care and Get Involved
(<http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk/portal/elib/pages/index.aspx>)
2nd Floor, Hanover Buildings
66 Rose Street
Edinburgh,
EH2 2NN
Telephone: 0131 225 4365

NHS Health Scotland

Responsible for providing leadership and working with partners to improve health and reduce health inequalities

Woodburn House

Canaan Lane

EDINBURGH

EH10 4SG

Tel: 0131 536 5500

Scottish Executive Health Department

Patient Focus & International Issues Branch

Scottish Executive Health Department

St. Andrew's House

Regent Road

Edinburgh

EH1 3DG

Tel: 0131 244 2399

Commission for Racial Equality (www.cre.gov.uk)

Commission for Racial Equality Scotland

The Tun

12 Jackson's Entry

off Holyrood Road

Edinburgh EH8 8PJ

Telephone: 0131 524 2000

Disability Rights Commission (www.drc-gb.org)

Riverside House

502 Gorgie Road

Edinburgh EH11 3AF

Telephone: 08457 622 633 (DRC Helpline)

Equal Opportunities Commission (www.eoc.org.uk)

St Stephens House

279 Bath Street

Glasgow G2 4JL

Telephone: 0141 245 1831

Fair for All – Disability (<http://www.drc-gb.org/fair4all/>)

2nd Floor, The Beacon
176 St. Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5SG
Telephone: 0141 249 6599

Fair for All – Gender (<http://www.eoc.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=19027>)

St Stephens House
279 Bath Street
Glasgow G2 4JL
Telephone: 0141 245 1831

Fair for All – Age (<http://www.fastforward.org.uk/our-work/fair-for-all-age/>)

Fast Forward Positive Lifestyles Ltd
4 Bernard Street
Edinburgh
EH6 6PP
Telephone: 0131-554-4300

Fair for All – Religion/Belief

Scottish Interfaith Council
405 Cumberland Street
Glasgow
G5 0SE
Telephone: 0141-429 4012

Healthcare Chaplaincy Training and Development Unit for Scotland

NHS Education for Scotland
3rd Floor, 2 Central Quay
89 Hydepark Street
Glasgow
G3 8BW
Telephone: 0141 223 1443

This unit deals with issues on healthcare chaplaincy and spiritual care.
To find out more, visit www.chaplains.co.uk

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health Scotland
(www.lgbthealth.org.uk)

INCLUSION Project
11 Dixon Street
Glasgow G1 4AL
Telephone: 0141 204 0746

National Resource Centre for Ethnic Minority Health
(<http://www.nrcemh.nhsscotland.com/>)

Clifton House
Clifton Place
Glasgow G3 7LS
Telephone: 0141 300 1043

Plain English Campaign (www.plainenglish.co.uk)

PO Box 3
New Mills
High Peak SK22 4QP
Telephone: 01663 744 409

Royal National Institute for the Blind (www.rnib.org.uk)

Dunedin House
25 Ravelston Terrace
Edinburgh EH4 3TP
Telephone: 0131 311 8500

Royal National Institute for the Deaf (www.rnid.org.uk)

Floor 3
Crowngate Business Centre
Brook Street
Glasgow G40 3AP
Telephone: 0141 554 0053 / Textphone: 0141 550 5750

Scottish Consumer Council (www.scotconsumer.org.uk)
(also incorporating Health Rights Information Scotland –
www.hris.org.uk)

Royal Exchange House
100 Queen Street
Glasgow
G1 3DN
Telephone: 0141 226 5261

Scottish Health Council (www.scottishhealthcouncil.org)

National Office
Delta House
50 West Nile Street
GLASGOW
G1 2NP
Telephone: 0141 225 6887

Scottish Health On the Web (SHOW) (www.show.scot.nhs.uk)

Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (www.siaa.org.uk)

Melrose House
69a George Street
Edinburgh
EH2 2JG
Telephone: 0131 260 5380

Volunteer Development Scotland (www.vds.org.uk)

Stirling Enterprise Park
Stirling FK7 7RP
Telephone: 01786 479 593

Voluntary Health Scotland (www.vhscotland.org.uk)

Voluntary Health Scotland
11 Waterloo Place
Edinburgh EH1 3BG
Telephone: 0131 557 6845