

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?

YES AS LONG AS TRUST INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT

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?

YES BUT
MUST ALSO LOOK AT IMPACT ON OTHER SERVICES & NOT LOOK AT CHANGES IN ISOLATION

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

NO — THIS IS NOT VISIBLY
INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT

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

NO HEALTH CARE IS COMPLEX
ISSUE AND TOO EASY FOR
LAY MEMBERS TO CONSIDER
"WANTS" RATHER THAN NEEDS &
"ASPIRATIONS" RATHER THAN
EVIDENCE (BP WHEN EVIDENCE NEEDS
GIVE DIFFERENT ANSWER TO PUBLIC
WISHES)

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?

Y/N

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?

NO

Question 7

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

NO

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