

**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?

expert panel is not always the best decision maker. They <sup>may be</sup> experts on different fields but lack of common sense on local needs and feeling.

Local people with a compassion to ensure NHS delivery quality + responsible services should be invited to involve in independent scrutiny.

**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?

They should be aware of these areas but should not be essential.

expert advice could be sought to enhance panel members understanding

closure of planned  
of A/E in  
Agency/Adm  
this process  
experts/professionals  
are wrong.

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

✓/25.

NO political <sup>affiliations</sup>, NO personal interest and proven records of <sup>championships</sup> in making change in NHS services

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

✓/25.

REAL people REAL understanding

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?

yes and opportunity to  
express their views and  
decisions reached

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?

flexible, inclusive and transparent  
approach in carrying out their roles

**Question 7**

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

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