

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?

We agree that a Panel should be made up of Experienced individuals. People who understand the needs of individuals

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 not think changes should be made without consultation to all concerned.

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

No way, as said before.
The Chair person should understand the needs of individuals.

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

No. There should be a split panel. This seems to be the fairest way forward.

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?

This seems to be a fair way of doing things

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?

Speak to families of the individuals concerned. There are always independent places i.e. our Drop In as we get to know our community on a personal manner as the families are involved with us

Question 7

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

People in our Community have different degrees and needs when it comes to disabilities.

Many feel isolated and need a one to one at times.

Loneliness can be a killer

Therefore monitoring is needed and would be a great advantage to both Community and individuals.

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