



Health and Wellbeing for the future:

COMMUNITY HOSPITALS IN THE FOREST OF DEAN

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WHAT WE WANT TO CHANGE



At the moment there are 2 community hospitals in the Forest:

Dilke Memorial Hospital and



• Lydney and District Hospital.

The two hospitals have doctors, nurses and other staff to help patients.

They will help people if they have a minor accident or are ill.



They will help people if they need to see a doctor at night or at the weekend. We call this 'Urgent Care'.



There are some hospital beds. These are mainly for older people who are not well enough to go home.

We want to build **1 new hospital** in the Forest of Dean.

This would mean the **Dilke and Lydney** hospitals would then close.

WHY DO THINGS NEED TO CHANGE



Dilke and Lydney hospitals are old buildings which cost a lot to run.

Some areas are small and make it difficult to give good care.

The layout of the hospitals makes it difficult to give enough privacy.

It is harder to run some services in two hospitals than one.



Our staff find it difficult to work across two hospital sites.

Some people have to travel outside the Forest of Dean for their hospital care, when they could be treated closer to home.

A new hospital could provide a nicer space for patients and staff. If we build a new hospital:

- There would be single rooms with their own bathrooms.
- It would be easier for staff to work together to help patients.
- There would be a wider range of clinic appointments and urgent care.
- We would be able to have more regular opening hours.



WHAT PEOPLE HAVE TOLD US

We have been talking to people in the Forest of Dean. We have asked what is important to them about health services.

They told us:



- The 2 hospital buildings need to be improved or replaced.
- Services need to be as close to their home as possible. It can be difficult to get to appointments, particularly if you have no car.
- It can be difficult to get help at night and at weekends.



- There should be more outpatient clinics in the Forest of Dean.
 - Services should work together to treat people at home when possible.

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WHAT OPTIONS WE THOUGHT ABOUT

We considered 4 options:

- 1. Make as few changes as possible to the 2 hospitals
- X This does not solve the problem of space and layout.
- **X** The 2 hospitals would still cost lots of money to run.
- X Staff would still have to work in 2 sites.
- 2. Redevelop or rebuild 2 hospitals in the Forest of Dean
- This would give us high quality buildings and spaces.
- ✓ The hospitals would be cheaper to run.
- X Staff would still have to work in 2 sites.
- X There is not enough money to redevelop or rebuild 2 hospitals.
- 3. One new hospital in the Forest of Dean.
- ✓ This would give us high quality buildings and spaces.
- One new hospital would be cheaper to run.
- ✓ It would be easier for staff to work together to help patients.
- It would be easier to give really good care.
- **X** Some people would need to travel further to new hospital site.
- 4. Close the 2 hospitals and care for more people at home.
- X This would mean travelling out of the Forest for specialist appointments and urgent care.

We think option 3 is the best option – 1 new hospital in the Forest.

LOCATION OF A NEW HOSPITAL

The location of a new hospital will be very important.

We think any hospital site should be:



- In or near the 3 main towns in the Forest of Dean (Cinderford, Coleford or Lydney)
- Have enough space for a hospital and good parking
- Be easy to get to by car or bus
- Let us finish building the new hospital by 2021 or 2022
- Let us have planning permission
- Be good value for money
- Let health care staff work together more easily.

HOW WE WILL DECIDE

There are different ways we could decide on the best hospital site:

- We could ask doctors, nurses and other health staff to help
- We could ask a group of local people to help
- We could ask NHS managers to decide
- We could use a mix of these options.







WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

We are asking people for their views on the options.

People need to tell us what they think before **10th December 2017.**

A report about what people said will be ready in January 2018.

If we build a new hospital we will agree the site by April 2018. A new hospital would open in 2021 or 2022.



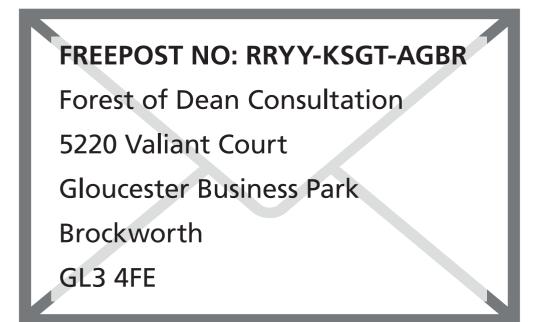
WHAT DO YOU THINK

Please answer the questions on the next pages.

Please send back your questionnaire by **10 December 2017.**



You can post the questionnaire back for free to:



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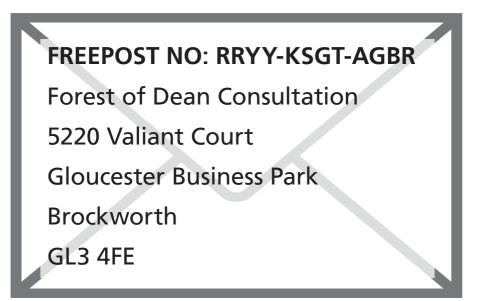
Do you have a disability?



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Poor sight Poor hearing Physical disability Mental health problem Learning difficulties Long term health problems Prefer not to say

Thank you for completing this questionnaire Please send it back by 10 December 2017 You can post the questionnaire back for free to:







TELL US YOUR VIEWS:

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4 If we build a new hospital, how should we decide where? (Page 8)

We could ask doctors, nurses and other health staff to help

We could ask a group of local people to help

We could ask NHS managers to decide

We could use a mix of these options.

5 How have you taken part in this consultation?

Attended a	presentation
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Attended a drop in session

Visited the Information Bus

Read the information in this booklet and completed the survey

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6 Please use the space below to tell us anything else

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