

LOCATION OF A NEW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE FOREST OF DEAN

Outcome of Engagement Report Summer 2018

Foreword

During the six weeks of the public engagement, Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust (GCS) and NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have sought the views of local people on a very specific question – *where should a new community hospital be located in the Forest of Dean?*

We have sought to present the views shared with us respectfully, taking care to record the comments and suggestions received accurately.

This report provides information about the engagement process and activities and summarises the feedback received from members of the public, stakeholders and health and care staff.

We are grateful to everyone who has taken the opportunity to get involved with the engagement.

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Introduction

This Report provides a detailed overview of the engagement activity and feedback received, which will inform the decision making of NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust regarding the location of a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean. It should be noted that the during the engagement period are not counted as 'votes' in favour of one or other location.

Thank you to all those individuals, groups and organisations who shared their views with us.

Background

In 2015, NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG) and Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust (GCS) launched a review into the future of health and care services within the Forest of Dean. The purpose of the review was to:

develop a plan for delivering high quality and affordable community health and care services to the people of the Forest of Dean which meet their needs now and in the future, and is developed with patients, the public and our key partners. The review will encompass all community services in the Forest of Dean, including those within the community hospitals.

To support this work, a Forest of Dean Locality Reference Group was established. This group is made up of public representatives and community partners with a wide range of interests in healthcare in the Forest of Dean. The group has worked with us to develop our engagement with the local community and have actively contributed to this engagement regarding the future of the two community hospitals. The review was also supported by the Forest of Dean Primary Care Group, which is made up of representatives from the local GP surgeries.

Early engagement: September 2015 – June 2016

Between September 2015 and June 2016, a range of engagement activity was undertaken to gather feedback from Forest of Dean District residents regarding their health and care needs now and into the future. Health care professionals and community partners were also asked to give their insights and ideas for further improvement in delivering local services. This feedback informed the development of options for community hospital services in the Forest of Dean. The full Outcome of Engagement report from 2016 is available at <http://www.fodhealth.nhs.uk/engagement-2016/>

Health and Wellbeing for the future: Community Hospitals in the Forest of Dean Public consultation: September – December 2017

Between September and December 2017, a range of consultation activity was undertaken to gather feedback from Forest of Dean residents regarding *Health and Wellbeing for the future: Community hospitals in the Forest of Dean*. Health care professionals and community partners were also asked to give their feedback.

The consultation sought feedback regarding three main items:

- The preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital, other options and impact.
- The proposed criteria for assessing the location for a community hospital in the Forest of Dean.
- If the option of a single new community hospital in the Forest of Dean was agreed, how a recommendation should be made on the location.

The full Outcome of Consultation report is available at: <http://www.fodhealth.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/FoD-Health-Community-Hospitals-in-the-Forest-of-Dean-Outcome-of-Consultation-Report-Jan-2018.pdf>

Decision making in public: January 2018

GCS Board and the Governing Body of GCCG held meetings in public in the Forest of Dean on 25 January 2018 to consider the Outcome of Consultation and make decisions on recommendations presented. The papers considered can be found at: <http://www.fodhealth.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/FoD-Health-Governing-Body-Papers-Part-1.pdf>

A presentation of the Outcome of Consultation was made, questions asked and answered. Both GCS Board and the Governing Body of GCCG separately considered the presentation and papers and responded to questions submitted by the public before considering whether the recommendations set out in the paper in response to the consultation feedback addressed, or has the potential to address, the issues identified such that they felt able to approve the preferred option of a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean. GCS Board and GCCG Governing Body were asked to:

- 1) Confirm it is satisfied that there is no new or material information which has come to light through the consultation that would bring into question the case for change.

This was confirmed by both organisations.

2) Endorse the recommendations set out in response to the issues identified through the public consultation.

This was endorsed by both organisations

3) Approve the preferred option for a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace The Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital.

This was approved by both organisations.

Actions taken to date in response to January 2018 recommendations

Work has continued to support the development of a new community hospital for the Forest of Dean. In response to consultation feedback and the recommendations endorsed at the meetings held on 25 January 2018, GCCG and GCS have jointly appointed Citizens Juries Community Interest Company (CIC) to run an independent citizens' jury, to consider information and make a recommendation regarding the location of the new hospital for consideration by the CCG Governing Body and the Board of GCS.

Citizen's Juries CIC is a social enterprise dedicated to designing and running citizens' juries, supported by the University of Manchester. It works in partnership with the Jefferson Centre, the US-based charity which developed the citizens' jury method.

The jury will be made up of 18 local residents. Citizens Juries CIC invited applications from local residents to be involved in the jury, ensuring a balance in terms of age, gender and geography. Citizen's Juries CIC are undertaking travel, transport and access analysis to inform the discussions of the jury members.

The information and evidence presented to the Citizens' Jury will be reviewed by an independent Oversight Group, selected by Citizens Juries CIC. The three members of the Oversight Group represent Healthwatch Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean District Council and the Voluntary and Community Sector Alliance.

An independent equality impact analysis on the potential location of a community hospital in the Forest of Dean has been commissioned. This analysis will be presented to the jury and to GCS Board and the Governing Body of GCCG.

The jury will meet at a venue in the Forest of Dean district from 30 July to 3 August 2018. All information presented to the jury over the 4.5 days will be made available on the dedicated Forest of Dean Hospitals website and shared with the GCS Board and the Governing Body of GCCG when they meet at the end of August 2018 to make a decision regarding the location of a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean.

Public Engagement: Location of a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean 21 May – 3 July 2018 (extended by 3 days)

Six weeks of public engagement on the location of a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean have been undertaken. The engagement activity started on 21 May, 2018 and concluded on 3 July 2018 (extended to allow for freepost responses to be received).

The purpose of the engagement was to obtain public, staff and community partner views (qualitative) on the following statements:

- *I think the new community hospital should be in or near Cinderford because...*
- *I think the new community hospital should be in or near Coleford because...*
- *I think the new community hospital should be in or near Lydney because...*
- *I don't have a preference for where the new community hospital is located in the Forest of Dean because...*

The purpose of the engagement was not to poll votes to determine the location of the new hospital.

Engagement Activity

The engagement was promoted through a public engagement booklet, by posters in community venues and through the local media and social media.

Materials (print/online)

Over **9,000** engagement booklets (including a tear out Freepost survey) were distributed to GP surgeries, pharmacies, hospitals, libraries, post offices and district council buildings across the Forest of Dean. They were also available at all the venues used for previous consultation events. Engagement information was also sent to partners in the neighbouring areas including Herefordshire and Wales. We responded to specific requests from community groups and organisations for copies of the engagement booklets, such as Leagues of Friends. We restocked venues with engagement booklets on request throughout the engagement period.

All engagement materials, including the survey, were available on-line at www.fodhealth.nhs.uk
Visits to the website during the six week engagement period: **1,427** sessions.

Media

Articles were placed in local newspapers and information shared using social media.

Twitter activity: **16,283** impressions

Facebook activity: **1,441** impressions

A two-page feature article was included in a local newspaper delivered free to households across the Forest of Dean. This article included a Freepost feedback form.

Staff engagement

The engagement was promoted to staff, and engagement materials made available. Staff engagement events were held at Lydney and Dilke Hospitals.

Public Drop Ins

17 public Drop In events were held during the period of the engagement. Two events were added in Newent in response to feedback from local residents and promoted through social media and posters in Newent high street locations.

Drop In events were held on different days of the week (including weekends) and at different times of the day. Drop In events centred around the three main towns (Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney) and at venues north and south of the Forest of Dean District Council area.

Details of event locations can be found on page 4 of the public Engagement Booklet (Appendix 1). Both the NHS Information Bus and community venues such as supermarkets, libraries and halls were used to host public drop ins. Attendance at these events ranged from <5 to >200.

Engagement Responses

Written Responses and Correspondence Received

9 items of correspondence (email and letter) were received during the consultation period. These are summarised below. Where correspondence has been received from an individual member of the public, their names have been removed (redacted).

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Support for the development of a new hospital, anticipating no major change in patterns of service delivery. Welcome opportunities for further discussion re partnership working to jointly respond to the needs of patients who live around the England/Wales border. Following conversations with GP colleagues who practice near the border, they suggest that Coleford would be the most accessible for patients they serve.

Forest of Dean Primary Care Group

Important factors: centrally placed, infrastructure to access the hospital. No consensus regarding location.

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

No preference for location of a new hospital in the Forest of Dean. Commitment to delivering a range of outpatient and diagnostic services in the Forest of Dean. A new hospital which will provide a modern, efficient and effective infrastructure required to do this. This is in line with our strategies of providing care closer to home, enabling more care to be delivered to the population of the Forest of Dean, in the Forest of Dean.

Great Oaks Hospice

Coleford suggested as the preferred option for a new community hospital. Coleford was selected as the location for the Hospice due to its easy access for the whole of the Forest of Dean.

Newent Town Council

Cinderford is the most beneficial option for the residents of Newent at the northern end of the Forest area. Cinderford also most central point for residents of FoD as a whole. Transport links should be included in planning the new hospital.

Mark Harper MP

Sent on behalf of Forest of Dean District Councillor, requesting additional engagement events in Newent.

Member of the public

Suggested that the two properties close to Lydney Hospital, i.e. Stonebury and Grove House, are redeveloped as a facility for adults with mental health problems needing an NHS half way house in the FOD.

Member of the public

Response criticises the engagement process: notes lack of information regarding services that will be provided at the new hospital and the number of engagement events in Newent. Recognition that transport is an issue in the Forest of Dean.

South West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

Exact location of a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean doesn't impact on the Ambulance Service. Access and egress to the Hospital for ambulances are important; with designated parking areas.

Engagement Survey Questionnaire

The survey questionnaire was created using survey software which supports analysis of both quantitative (number and %) responses as well as qualitative (free text) responses

The survey questionnaire was made available to the public, staff and stakeholders for a six week period in either print form or online. The survey was open to anyone wishing to provide feedback during the engagement period, resulting in a self-selecting, random sample of respondents to the engagement.

Characteristics of open surveys

In considering the open survey questionnaire analysis it should be noted that:

- Anyone can respond
- It is not a controlled statistical sample
- There is self-selection bias (just those who want to respond do respond)
- There are no controls on:
 - One person responding multiple times
 - People misrepresenting facts (e.g. their postcode)
 - Demographics of those who respond
 - Therefore we cannot say: “this reflects the views of population X”
 - We can say: “the people who chose to respond said Y”

The engagement team can confirm that all survey questionnaires received between 21 May and 3 July were included in the analysis in this Report (receipt of postal questionnaires was extended by two extra days to account for paper surveys submitted using the freepost option). Where it was clear that the same hand had been used to complete a postal survey questionnaire, or identical phrases had been used to answer free text questions, it was assumed by the engagement team that the questionnaire had been completed on behalf of another individual.

Presenting the data

The way that some people completed the survey, particularly in the paper version, presents us with some challenges in analysing and presenting the data. However, as previously stated, the purpose of the engagement activity was to collect qualitative feedback from respondents, as opposed to facilitating a quantitative referendum. We have therefore incorporated all of the feedback given in this report, taking account of the following:

- Some people included comments in each of the “location boxes”, rather than expressing one preference.

- Sometimes people's comments did not give a preference.
- Sometimes people's comments contradicted their choice – eg. They said Coleford would be best, but wrote that in the "prefer Lydney" box.
- Not everyone responded to all of the questions.
- The software includes each of the responses when calculating the percentage figures/responses shown in the appendices of this report.

In view of these issues, the figures can only act as a guide or indication of people's preference of location. Therefore, it should be noted that in quantitative terms there will be more preferences for location expressed than surveys completed.

Survey Questionnaire Responses

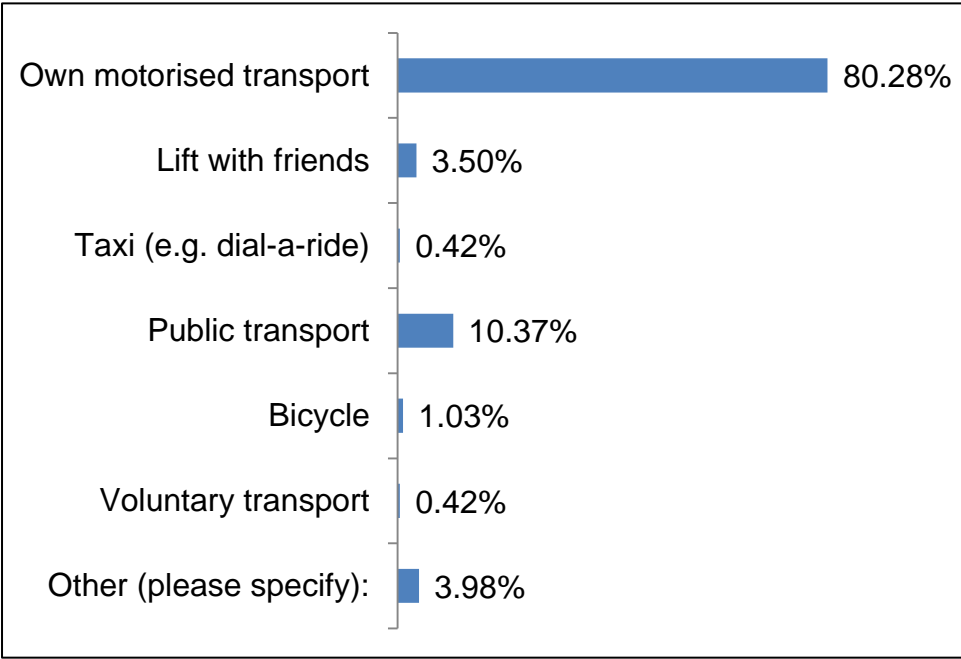
A total of **1680** surveys were completed, including **509** booklet surveys and **59** newspaper article surveys. Survey questionnaires were either completed on line using the web link on the FODHEALTH website or by hand using the tear-out freepost survey questionnaire printed in the engagement booklets or the local free newspaper. Questionnaires received by freepost were entered into the online survey by the engagement team using exactly the same words as were used originally. Where, in some cases handwriting was very difficult to read a series of '?????' were entered. All responses were read by members of the engagement team and grouped according to key themes.

Survey Questionnaire – Who responded?

The survey questionnaire provided the opportunity, optional, for respondents to provide information about themselves. This information is helpful in identifying whether a good range of local people have taken the opportunity to provide feedback. Demographic information is summarised in Appendix 2

Survey Question – Preferred mode of transport?

The survey asked respondents to indicate their preferred mode of transport for day to day activities. The following tables summarise the responses received from members of the public, health and social care staff and community partners.



Survey Question – Which location?

The survey asked respondents to say why they thought ONE of the following locations would be best for people from across the Forest of Dean:

- In or near Cinderford
- In or near Coleford
- In or near Lydney
- No preference

General comments regarding the themes from the feedback received

Three themes in particular emerge from the analysis of the feedback received. Firstly, the relationship between where survey respondents state they live and where they think the new hospital should be located, secondly survey respondents comments in relation to public transport and access and thirdly, a range of views relating to a central location in the Forest of Dean.

Respondents' preferences for location is overall based on where they live

The responses to the engagement show that the majority of respondents selected a location which was closest to where they live (the first part of their postcode). This applies to respondents who identify themselves as members of the public, staff or community partners and across all demographics.

Appendix 3 provides more detailed information about the responses received by residents from different postcodes across, and external to, the Forest of Dean.

Respondents' comments about Public Transport and access

Availability of public transport and access was mentioned by many respondents irrespective of their preferred location (or no preference of location). Comments received in relation to public transport for all locations range from (in summary):

- public transport is better in this location than elsewhere else in the Forest of Dean so people can get here;
- public transport is worse in this location so people who live in this location cannot go to any other location;
- public transport is terrible everywhere in the Forest of Dean;
- improve public transport to wherever the new hospital is built; and
- economically deprived people rely more heavily on public transport so the costs for this group need to be considered.

Central Location

Irrespective of respondents preferred location, many commented on the importance of a geographically central location for a new hospital. Their comments highlight:

- Various interpretations and perceptions about the geography of the Forest of Dean;
- The ability of individuals in the Forest of Dean to access services outside the area will vary depending on where they live
- The ability of individuals who live elsewhere in the county, to access services at a new hospital in the Forest of Dean will vary depending on the location chosen.

All Survey response – Which location? In or near Cinderford

The most frequently occurring reasons by all respondents who selected ‘in or near Cinderford’ as the best location are:

- Central location
- Accessible
- Public Transport available
- Develop the Dilke as a potential site
- No Change – would prefer no single new hospital in the Forest of Dean
- Site suggestions – many respondents suggested specific sites
- Other new infrastructure e.g. new GP practice / college, with opportunities for economic regeneration and reduction in deprivation

The following comments reflect the main themes from the feedback received from the public and community partners:

Cinderford is the heart of the forest and is centrally placed between Coleford and Lydney and would avoid extremes of travelling if the hospital were to be located at the other two options. The populations of all 3 areas is about the same and more importantly those requiring more frequent care i.e. the elderly and those with long term conditions is also about the same. Therefore there is no overriding reason not to locate the new hospital in Cinderford.

The most obvious location is one that offers fairness of travel distances. That excludes both Lydney and Coleford leaving Cinderford as being the most centrally located place for the new hospital.

If you take the borders of the FOD being the outers of Newent and Sedbury, then Cinderford has to be the more central for the new build. I also think the new build should contain a piece of Dilke and Lydney something like a foundation stone as a memorial to both hospitals.

It is nearer to me! and there is easy parking in the town with amenities and Cinderford is expanding especially with the extending college community.

Cinderford is central to District and according to GCC bus timetable has good bus routes.

It is handy to get to on public transport or it will save you travelling to Gloucester Royal. I dont want to travel miles to get to a community hospital.

It is more central town to the portrayed area. It is also closer to the main hospitals in Gloucester and Cheltenham. Cinderford has the edge for public transport. The new FOD college / Northern Quarter will be there. Other than the Dilke there is already an important medical facility in situ i.e. the dialysis centre, new roads being built. Open spaces for new building.

The FOD is relatively poor area with an elderly population and low wages and car ownership. This is getting harder in the political climate. Cinderford people could afford a taxi if necessary to get to the Dilke or to use a neighbour for transport. To Lydney may be too expensive. Coleford and Lydney are better off for transport and money.

Access by public transport will be difficult in any of the locations, but Cinderford seems to be better served than the other towns. Consultants from GRH and Cheltenham could find Cinderford more

convenient.

Ultimately getting a new hospital is more important than its location but Cinderford is central to the whole forest and one of the larger town populations so it's my choice.

Probably it is the most central point of the forest, although the bus services would certainly have to be more frequent.

Of easy accessibility for non-driving OAPS and young mothers with babies living in Cinderford area especially during exceptional winter weather conditions.

The following comments reflect the main themes from the feedback received from health and care staff:

It is the most accessible part of the Forest when there is severe weather.

Close to area of high deprivation who may otherwise struggle to access healthcare.

From my experience Cinderford is more easily accessible to the whole of the Forest communities.

Survey response – Which location? In or near Coleford

The most frequently occurring reasons given by all respondents who selected ‘in or near Coleford’ as the best location are:

- Central location
- Accessible
- Public Transport available
- No change – would prefer no single new hospital in the Forest of Dean
- Suggested sites - many respondents suggested specific sites
- “Neutral” location – currently no hospital there
- Economic regeneration

The following comments reflect the main themes from the feedback received from the public:

Without the Dilke and Lydney the halfway mark would be Coleford. Not too far to travel with little ones when their injured.

As we live near Coleford and all our family. It would be great to have it in Coleford, it is very important to keep a community hospital in the Forest of Dean.

Coleford would serve the whole forest, in particular the very rural parts. It has good transport links with scope to incorporate further transport connections. It would lessen the contention of choosing one hospital over the other.

It would assist with the regeneration of Coleford and boost the local economy. The other locations have already had a lot of investment.

Its central to Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford and easy to reach both by car and bus (as long as there a bus stop outside the new hospital). We live in Cinderford but feel it would be fair to all to have the new hospital in a central position.

More central for most people who will use the hospital. It is accessible, whereas Lydney is too far for people living in the middle part of the Forest - you might as well travel to Gloucester. By spreading developments across the Forest you will ensure each town remains a lively centre - Lydney has lots of facilities and Cinderford is getting lots of regeneration already.

Coleford is between Lydney and Cinderford and already has the Forest of Dean hospice which is a community asset. If a new hospital is located at Lydney the residents of Cinderford and surrounding villages such as Ruardean and Drybrook are going to go to Gloucester rather than travel to Lydney, and the same applies if the hospital is built in Cinderford as it is just as quick for Lydney residents to go up the A48 to Gloucester.

Cinderford and Lydney both have easier access to Gloucester. Therefore logical location to suit majority is Coleford.

Good transport links, furthest town from Gloucester facilities, highest population of at risk groups e.g. youngsters and elderly.

It is easier to get to for us than the other options. There are local amenities nearby including pharmacies, shops etc. I would feel more confident driving into Coleford for appointments during

snowy / icy conditions than the other places.

Existing sports facilities which could be used for rehabilitation and preventative medical exercise. Close to Largest camp site in the area as well as the adventure activities such as Puzzlewood and Go Ape where injuries to tourists are sometimes sustained.

Central to all villages and towns. Housing estates are coming to all areas. since last 50 years since moving to FOD I have seen how developed all areas are and therefore amalgamating us all to one central hospital for every major and minor needs is so important. New transport will be an important need as also car parking facilities.

The following comments reflect the main themes from the feedback received from health and care staff:

It would be central for all people living in the Forest of Dean, there are also good transport links into Coleford.

I think it will be nice to have a new hospital in a new location that is central to everything and has good bus routes.

Coleford is in between Lydney and Cinderford, on a regular bus route.

Survey response – Which location? In or near Lydney

The most frequently occurring reasons given by all respondents who selected 'in or near Lydney' as the best location are:

- Accessible
- Public transport available (including train station)
- Future growth (housing development)
- A48 (close to Lydney) provides fast access to other service centres such as Bristol/Wales Weather
- Largest town in Forest of Dean by head of population
- Central location
- Supportive Hospital League of Friends.

The following comments reflect the main themes from the feedback received from the public:

Most accessible location for services to get to the new hospital at all times of the year, easy access for all staff, good access via public transport, highest projected population growth following Severn bridge toll removal, lots of space on bye pass to build and not interfere with town centre, but still good access to public transport.

There is a steady increase in the elderly population in Lydney with new housing developments there are a lot of young families with children. There are no other hospitals easily accessible to Lydney by public transport.

Lydney is a fast growing town and the infrastructure is superior to that of other towns in the forest of dean also Lydney is accessible in severe weather conditions.

Lydney is the furthest from Gloucester hospital therefore it's only fair it should be near Lydney. There are no direct buses from Lydney to get to Cinderford.

It would be more convenient for people from Sedbury, Beachley, Tutshill and Tidenham. Consideration should be given to improving the public transport links between these areas and the new hospital in order to make it more accessible for the whole population.

League of Friends well ran and well-funded.

It is accessible to a large area of the community. The hospital also serves Chepstow which has no minor injury unit. Gloucester is quite a distance and Lydney is a perfect halfway point.

This is a central position which affords "the optimum access for thr greatest number of patients within the area prescribed. Those further North have ready access to the Gloucester hospitals. Those to the South have reduced access than north because of lack of public transport.

Easy access to M4 and A48 making transfer of patients easier and recruitment of staff.

Because this a better road link south to both Bristol and South Wales and north to Gloucester and Cheltenham. There is also more available land close to the A40. The Lydney area is also growing in population so a Hospital here would appear to be a more logical and "future proofed" location, when compared to the other Forest options, both of which are more isolated with poorer road links, especially in winter conditions.

The hospital being in Lydney may also bring the necessary cross border organisations together to agree future road network improvement.

For English patients in our Anglo / Welsh split practice, if we are to be able to use an English hospital, Lydney is the obvious choice, otherwise we are obliged to use Chepstow, the Royal Gwent or Neville Hall. Southmead and the Bristol Hospitals are difficult to reach easily.

The following comments reflect the main themes from the feedback received from health and care staff:

Largest & growing population. Easy access to main trunk road i.e. A48.

When covering patients countywide Lydney is the easiest to get to from Gloucester, also increasing population in Lydney.

Least likely to become inaccessible due to inclement weather.

Survey response – Which location? No preference

The most frequently occurring reasons given by all who selected 'no preference' are:

Any location would be good so long as it has good parking.

I feel that the most "suitable" site should be chosen. This will allow the money to be spent wisely on a fully appropriate and fit for purpose location. All residents within the Forest of Dean already travel around by some means or another and I am sure we will all appreciate having a modern hospital nearby rather than having to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham.

I think it is more important for the Forest of Dean as a whole to retain its own hospital rather than where it is situated. As long as there are good public transport links.

I am happy to have a facility that can deliver 21st century care. So long as it has good access it doesn't matter.

As long as it is in the Forest and easily accessible!!! but I believe both Dilke and Lydney have major resources to offer and should definitely be utilised in some sort of care in the community.

I do not want to have one hospital to serve the whole of the Forest, but would prefer the money allocated to be spent on bringing the Dilke and Lydney Hospitals up to standard.

All these locations are not very far apart. An improved road system will be needed.

As long as there is a NEW hospital rather than old, out of date ones!

I believe that the new hospital should be placed on a large easily accessible plot where the public can be treated within the forest. As the population increases so will the need for hospital services, I believe that room for expansion in the future should be seriously considered. Car parking spaces and room to expand should also be considered. No one within the forest lives far from locations near to Lydney, Coleford or Cinderford and will be fortunate to have bigger and better services housed within a purpose built hospital. A Forest of Dean hospital should be somewhere that forest people can be cared for possibly as they reach the end of their life. Built in a beautiful location that feels like home wherever that might be.

I don't mind where a hospital goes as long as it has the good facilities so don't have to keep travelling to Gloucester that would be great. Maybe a bus service available to all 3 areas as a pick up for people who don't drive would make it more accessible any area if it's a direct loop route.

The hospital should be value for money for the tax payer and located at a site with good access for the breast screening service, chemotherapy etc. Transport is poor wherever you live in the Forest and should not override any decision.

The Forest needs a hospital wherever it is built. Growing population, shorter journey for emergencies, more convenient for relatives to visit rather than going to Gloucester. Access to clinics, specialists, etc.

The following comments reflect the main themes from the feedback received from health and care staff:

The hospital will benefit all. It does not matter where it is based as long as there are good transport links.

Everyone wants it to be close to them, but it can't be close for everyone.

The important thing is that it is fit for purpose and can meet the existing and future needs of the Forest of Dean community.

Next steps

Presentation and publication of Outcome of Engagement Report

FODHEALTH website

This report and Appendices will be published online at www.fodhealth.nhs.uk

Citizens' Jury

A presentation regarding the Outcome of Engagement will form one of the elements of the information presented to the Citizens' Jury when it meets at the end of July 2018 to consider information and make a recommendation regarding the location of a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean.

Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust and NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

Before making their decisions at the end of August 2018, the CCG Governing Body and GCS Board will consider the Outcome of Engagement, the recommendation from the Citizens' Jury and information about travel, access and equality issues and other local population data.

The information included within the Outcome of Engagement Report will be summarised and presented to the members of the Citizens' Jury, who will consider the feedback received during the engagement period in reaching their recommendation regarding the location for the new community hospital in the Forest of Dean.

The contents of this Report and the Citizens' Jury recommendation and observations will be given due regard by members of the Board of Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust and the Governing Body of Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, when they meet in the Forest of Dean in public in August 2018. The GCS Board and GCCG Governing Body will receive a joint report setting out recommendations for their formal consideration and a decision will be made regarding the location of the new community hospital in the Forest of Dean to replace the two existing community hospitals.

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<http://www.fodhealth.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/FoD-Health-Location-Booklet.pdf>

Appendix 2: Demographic information about survey respondents.

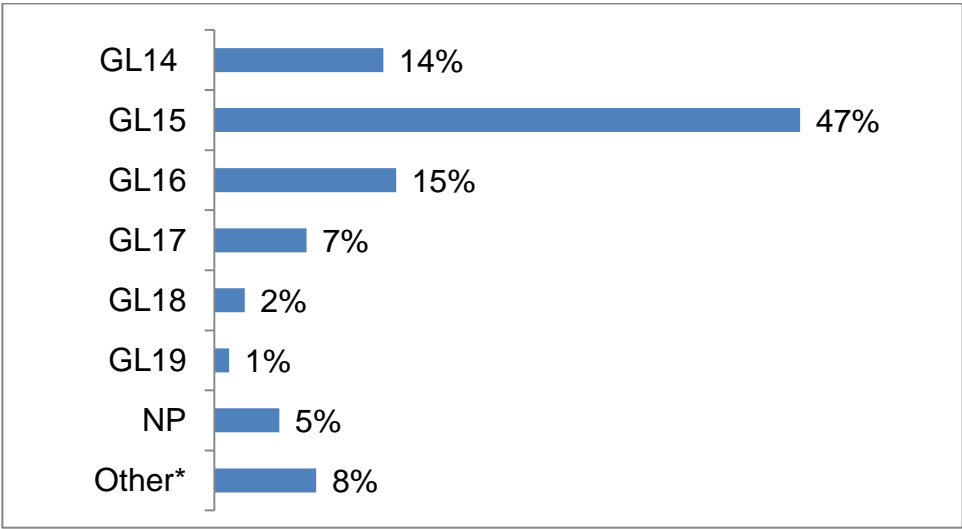
Appendix 3: Preferred location, split by postcode

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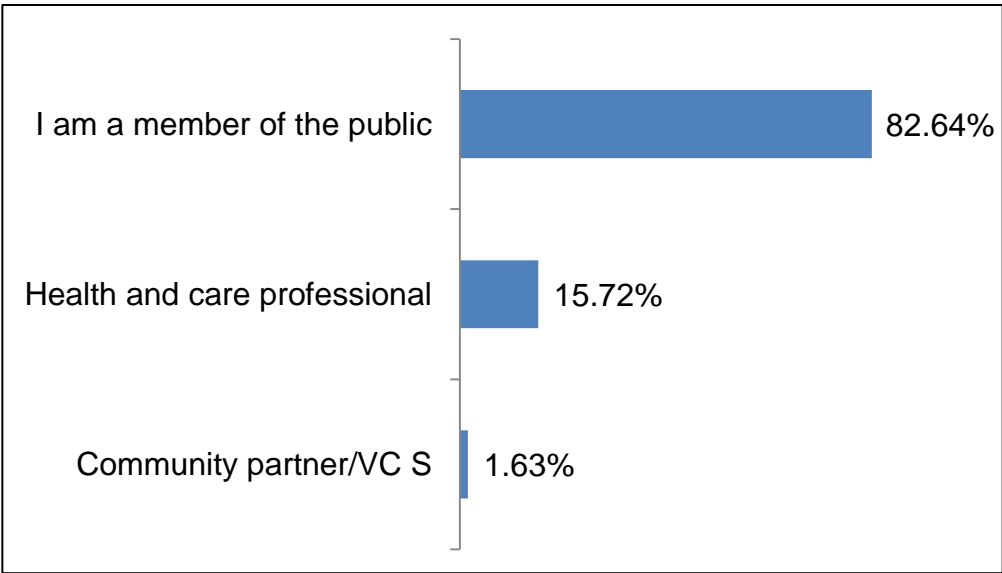
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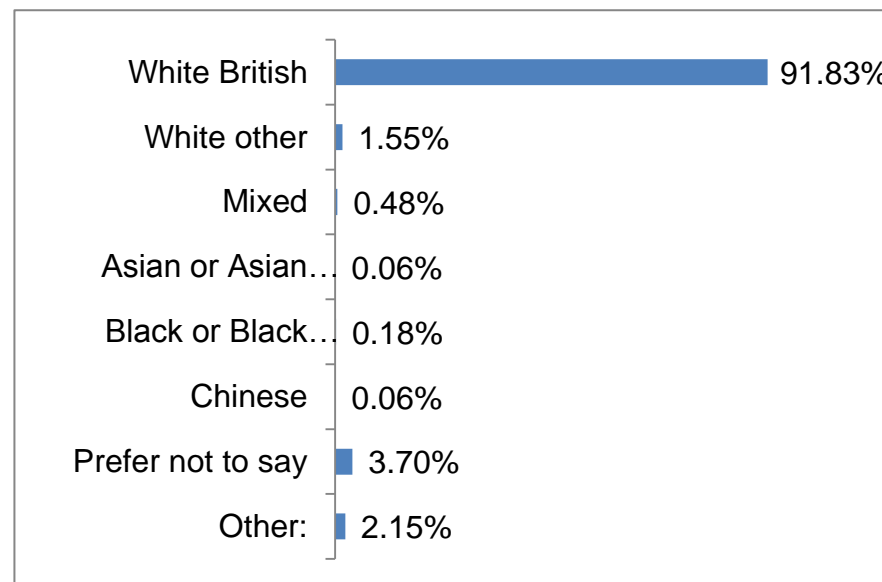
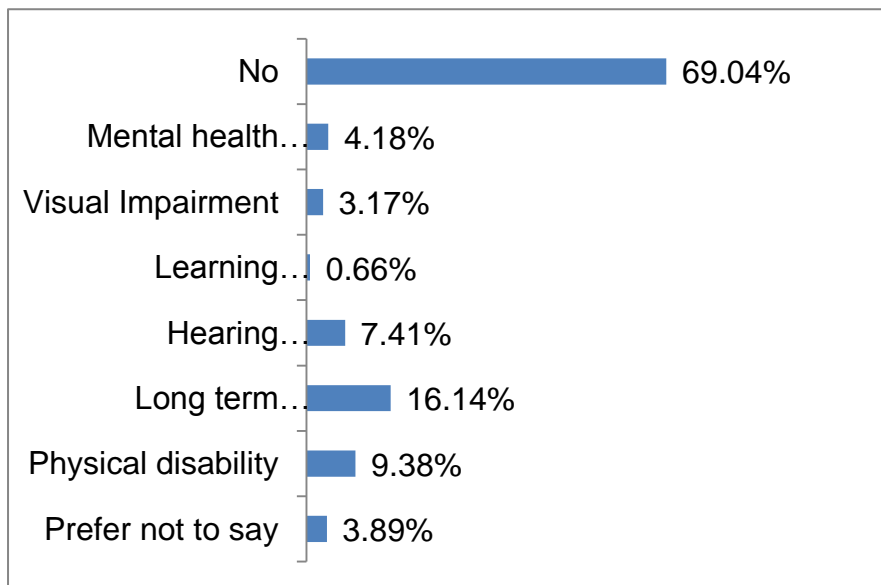
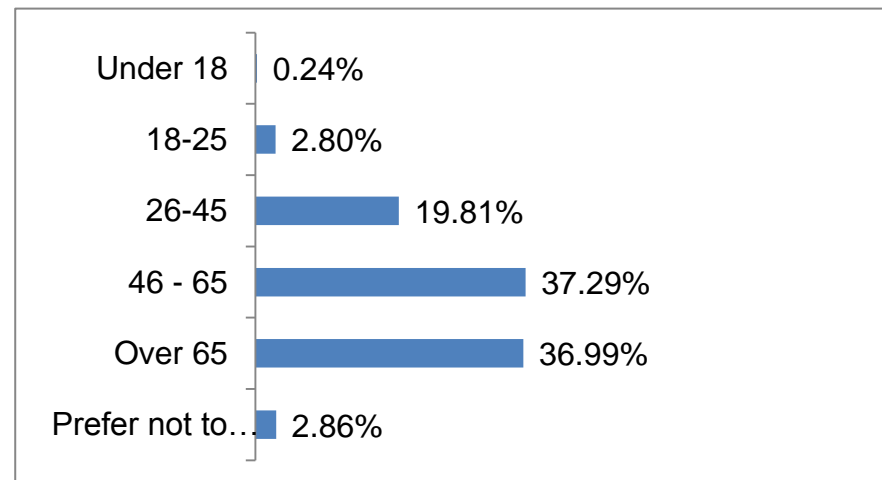
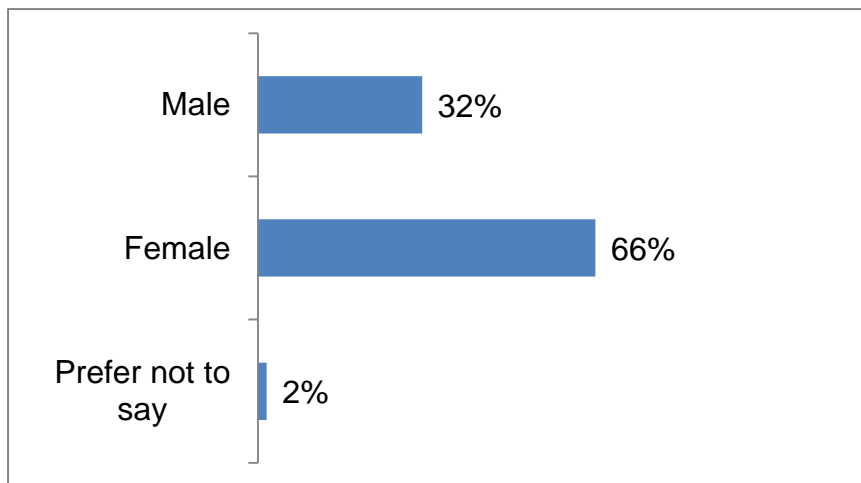
Where do people who responded to the survey live?



*Other includes: other parts of Gloucestershire, some “out of county postcodes” and “non-responders.”

People who replied to the survey gave us the following information:





Appendix 3

1. Preferred location (responses from members of the public, shown by postcode)

GL14 – Cinderford and surrounding area

- 64.44% preferred Cinderford.
- 17.22% preferred Coleford.
- 20.56% preferred Lydney.
- 21.67% had no preference regarding location.

GL15 – Lydney and surrounding area

- 7.03% preferred Cinderford.
- 7.61% preferred Coleford.
- 83.16% preferred Lydney.
- 12.45% had no preference regarding location

GL16 – Coleford and surrounding area

- 18.32% preferred Cinderford.
- 59.90% preferred Coleford.
- 14.85% preferred Lydney.
- 25.25% had no preference regarding location.

GL17 – Drybrook, Mitcheldean, Lydbrook, Ruardean and surrounding area

- 57.89% preferred Cinderford.
- 29.47% preferred Coleford.
- 7.37% preferred Lydney.
- 20.00% had no preference regarding location.

GL18 – Newent and surrounding area

- 96.77% preferred Cinderford.
- 9.68% preferred Coleford.
- 9.68% preferred Lydney.
- 16.13% had no preference regarding location.

GL19 – Hartpury, Redmarley, Staunton and surrounding area

- 85.71% preferred Cinderford.
- 0% preferred Coleford.
- 0% preferred Lydney.
- 14.29% had no preference regarding location.

NP postcode – Sedbury, Tutshill and surrounding area

- 6.58% said Cinderford.
- 9.21% preferred Coleford.
- 94.74% preferred Lydney.
- 3.95% preferred no preference regarding location.

People living outside the Forest of Dean District area

- 40.00% preferred Cinderford.
- 23.33% preferred Coleford.
- 50.00% preferred Lydney.
- 36.67% had no preference regarding location.

2. Preferred location (responses from health and care professionals, shown by postcode)

GL14 – Cinderford and surrounding area

- 54.55% preferred Cinderford
- 27.27% preferred Coleford
- 11.36% preferred Lydney
- 20.45% had no preference regarding location

GL15 – Lydney and surrounding area

- 12.22% preferred Cinderford
- 20.00% preferred Coleford
- 62.22% preferred Lydney
- 14.44% had no preference regarding location

GL16 – Coleford and surrounding area

- 12.50% preferred Cinderford
- 84.38% preferred Coleford
- 6.25% preferred Lydney
- 12.50% had no preference regarding location

GL17 – Drybrook, Mitcheldean, Lydbrook, Ruardean and surrounding area

- 36.00% preferred Cinderford
- 48.00% preferred Coleford
- 4.00% preferred Lydney
- 20.00% had no preference regarding location

GL18 – Newent and surrounding area

- 0% preferred Cinderford
- 50.00% preferred Coleford
- 0% preferred Lydney
- 50.00% had no preference regarding location

GL19 – Hartpury, Redmarley, Staunton and surrounding area

- 33.33% preferred Cinderford
- 0% preferred Coleford
- 0% preferred Lydney
- 66.67% had no preference regarding location

NP postcode – Sedbury, Tutshill and surrounding area

- 0% preferred Cinderford
- 11.11% preferred Coleford
- 77.78% preferred Lydney
- 11.11% had no preference regarding location

Staff living outside the Forest of Dean District area

- 30.95% preferred Cinderford
- 9.52% preferred Coleford
- 11.90% preferred Lydney
- 47.62% had no preference regarding location

Appendix 4

Free text comments from all respondents (see www.fodhealth.nhs.uk)