

## A new hospital for the Forest of Dean (Easy Read survey)

### What is good about our plans?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	45
1	Other than a new hospital in the forest nothing - is there no way the existing facilities can be retained and used for something.		
2	A new all purpose building		
3	Improved services and more equipment.		
4	A new hospital with up to date facilities		
5	A new modern hospital is great for the Forest of Dean		
6	It's okay for that end of the forest		
7	really welcome the plan for new hospital in cinderford - makes financial sense to have services and access to them in once centralised place - up to date services, accessibility to all in forest of dean, less stress for patients and families having to travel to gloucester etc		
8	Good that diagnostic services will ge there, so that people in the forest don't have to travel to Gloucester or Bristol.		
9	An up to date hospital		
10	A new hospital is always welcome		
11	Local		
12	Keeping up to date with hospitals and medical facilities is essential however I disagree with proposed plans for new hospital.		
13	Nothing, how do you think people are going to travel to the hospital that is situated in a place that difficult to get to in bad weather. The bus service is inadequate, there is no train station there and way off the beaten track to any major hospital. The industrial businesses there will suffer whilst construction traffic is there		
14	As a third hospital, nothing, as a replacement , everything is wrong, fod is having a massive population explosion with thousands of new homes, we already don't have the infastructre to cope, so a new hospital with less beds to replace two perfectly functioning hospitals is a really stupid idea		
15	The updating of medical facilities in the forest of Dean		
16	A bigger hospital, with more facilities.		
17	Good location, good number of beds.		
18	Updated facilities.		
19	A new hospital with appropriate equipment and layout, which is conducive to staff and patients alike is needed, and this plan meets the criteria.		
20	I can't see anything good about cutting the facilities in the Forest by half. With a population of near 90,000 and houses going up by the hundreds in the area all the time, how on earth can one hospital meet all our needs.		
21	Nothing apart from wasting more money		
22	We need an up to date hospital in the Forest because of the hundreds of new homes built - especially in Lydney- as no infrastructure has been included in any of the developments.		
23	New hospital with modern facilities close to where I live. Individual rooms and facilities.		

## What is good about our plans?

		Response Percent	Response Total
24	Obviously new facilities are a good thing		
25	Glad the plans are to change some usage of beds only to local people, not out of "" Forest Area"" Glad x ray & Specialist appointment from ""outside consultants"" will take place in new hospital		
26	Cinderford is an ideal place		
27	It will be good to be able to have additional services in the new hospital. Having to go to Cheltenham for perhaps a 5 minute appointment can sometimes take all day		
28	Everything is together on one site		
29	Location is good with reference to road networks		
30	Keeping significant services within the Forest area. Travelling to GRH can be a nightmare.		
31	The Dilke is old and out of date but I think as the Forest of Dean is a large area, I think the Cinderford Hospital should be larger and full time. Lydney is also outdated and when my mother was there I was not impressed with it.		
32	It's good that some services such as the endoscopy unit are being introduced.		
33	Nothing		
34	New building, one hospital, xr, beds, miiu, opd, free parking, bus stop		
35	* I Am really stuck to find anything good about your plans.*		
36	Tests and xrays locally. Clinics also and hopefully more outpatient appointments.		
37	Nothing. Keep the two existing hospitals - spend any money on Lydney and Dilke		
38	1. That there is going to be a new hospital for the Forest of Dean 2. That there will be the ""urgent help"" service still 3. That there will be a bus stop on site. You will need to liaise with local bus companies to ensure this works. And keep on liaising as bus timetables keep changing. 4. It is good that there will be car parking - I hope it will remain free		
39	Providing services where they are needed without long journeys for treatment. Better for environment as well as convenience for patients and staff. Also good for patients' visitors.		
40	I realise the time has come for a bigger, better more modern hospital. But let's not forget what was wonderful about the Dilke ; a picturesque setting to aid recovery, easy access and free parking. The new hospital should be in a picturesque setting, not in the middle of an industrial area. It would appear it's a ""done deal"" but I have reservations about it's location. I welcome the plans for inpatients to have privacy ; their own room and bathroom would finally move inpatient stays out of the Victorian era		
41	I think it is about time us Foresters can come out of the dark ages and have a modern up to date hospital facility. I am disabled but I do drive.		
42	There is the need for an up-to-date hospital to accommodate the outpatient need and to avoid travelling to Gloucester Royal Hospital		
43	Local hospital are a good idea for non-critical care		
44	I need more information before I can comment		
45	The plans sound excellent and if you can cover every area you mention the local community should have their needs met.		
		answered	45
		skipped	12

## What is bad about our plans?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	43
1	Not enough beds - losing Lydney and Dilke		
2	Reduction of beds and location of the hospital		
3	Moving everything to Cinderford, which is difficult to travel to from sedbury/tutshill.		
4	Not enough beds, there is already a problem with not enough beds to transfer patients out of Gloucester Royal and Cheltenham General. What is going to happen during this next wave of the pandemic and the next one. No account has been made for patients from the south of the Forest trying to get to Cinderford during bad weather and with the poor bus service.		
5	The location is not great. In the bad weather especially the roads are not good. Lydney has a direct link to A48 and Bristol if needed. The reduced number of beds are also a concern for the area covered		
6	We need to keep Sydney open as well.		
7	would like to see increase in beds available - dont believe 24 beds would be sufficient!		
8	Not enough beds, I'm sorry but the population of Lydney is increasing at a ridiculous rate as in the rest of the forest and an older population too that is NOT enough beds. 111 is not a great out of hours service especially if Lydney is closed where would you have to travel to to see an out of hours doctor. Lydney should NOT be closed, again it's becoming a much larger town and population Cinderford will have the hospital what about the people of Lydney, they need their own services. 2 small Dr's practices that are bursting to brim, I really needed the MIU recently would not have been able to drive to Cinderford IT IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE to close Lydney when the new hospital comes especially if there is no other acceptable alternative and by that I mean a super surgery. This would be absolutely failing the residents of Lydney and the surrounding areas. I airways go for outpatient treatment at Bristol because so work there and it is easier to do that than travel on my days off. Seriously I'm not sure where in the list patient safety and convenience is at all !!!		
9	If people do not drive they don't have the local hospital The population is growing and I don't feel one hospital could cope with the demand		
10	Not having a hospital in Lydney, which is growing significantly.		
11	With more and more houses being developed in and around the lydney hospital we will all have further to go when our hospital is needed!		
12	Lack of beds to cope with all the new build houses planned.		
13	I would question why a complete new build.? Why the location when it would be a difficult and often a hazardous journey for very many people?. With all the new build going on in areas of the forest ,if there has to be a new hospital,it is not planned for the right location, It will result in even more traffic on the A48, in bad weather the site is usually the first to be very difficult to access.The forest is a wide area and this is the worse choice of site for a hospital in my opinion.		
14	Poorly thought out for the whole of FOD. The idea of it being in cinder is a bias decision. Lydney is expanding so it needs to be closer to there.		
15	Less beds , less facilities in a massively expanding area is stupid We need all three Build hundreds of houses then provide the facilities for them!		
16	Instead of updating the facilities already available, getting rid of them and using up more land with a new hospital. Which has less capacity than what the forest has now.		
17	We still need the local hospitals for non urgent treatment,have used both the Dilke for minor treatment and had X rays in Lydney.These smaller hospitals are far less intimidating and are always friendly and very little waiting time.The bus service hereis terrible and if you cant drive then a taxi is the only option.		

## What is good about our plans?

		Response Percent	Response Total
18	All of these ideas are already available at the dilke, the open times are also shorter than what the dilke already provide.		
19	All eggs in one basket springs to mind, would much rather see the money allocated to a build used for improving the existing sites and facilities.		
20	The location is reliant on people being able to drive themselves. With an aging population, this may not always be possible, especially if it is the driver that is unwell.		
21	The cutting of beds when we need twice as many as we have got already. People in the south of the Forest are really disadvantaged and Cinderford is not the best road to travel in winter conditions. With the two hospitals already in the Forest a friend of mine who is in hospital in Cheltenham and is in desperate need of a bed in the Forest can't get one as they are all full.		
22	We don't need it		
23	The location of a "new" hospital was muted to be on the A48 bypass which has the land and quick,easy and safe access to GRH if required, avoiding driving through the narrow and winding roads through the Forest. The plans for a new hospital in Cinderford with reduced bed capacity does not appear practical as the population has and is increasing, especially in Lydney which has been hit the hardest.		
24	Seems to small and site location while good also appears very small for a hospital.		
25	The Lydney site is difficult so it is no bad thing to replace this hospital, however I shall be interested to hear of plans for the dilke. I suggest a sanatorium for people in need of care after operations etc staffed by nurses and assistants with local GP back up This would ease the bed blocking problem		
26	1) My husband and I live in Lydney, so concerned it is too far to travel to Cinderford, probably more straight forward to drive / get public transport to GRH 2) Concerned new hospital will only be open 8am - 8pm 3) specialists from Gloucester Hospital will use new hospital for outpatients appointments but its easier for me to use public transport to GRH than try and arrange journey to Cinderford		
27	Will 24 beds be enough		
28	It would have been nice to know where in Cinderford the new hospital is to be situated. Also a ground plan. No mention of whether shared wards only ""THINK"" single rooms		
29	May not be enough beds - there maybe more demand if convid doesn't go away for years and years		
30	I live in Lydney. I am 83. I visit a consultant for my eyes every 6 months. How can I get to Cinderford? What happens if there is an emergency - e.g. pruning roses I nearly cut the end of my finger off - I was able to get myself to Lydney hospital within minutes. Cinderford?!!!! Dilke and Lydney have both had money poured into them from the local community. What a slap in the face for all who have contributed so much.		
31	Will there be travel for elderly as there are alot of elderly in the FOD. How much parking will there be? How expensive will it be? Will the beds be overnigher? Have you ever called a GP out of hours? How after do they really do have calls? What about emergency? If you live in St Briavels and have to travel to Gloucester it may be too late.		
32	24 isn't enough beds. Even though data indicates an average this is whats required in practise this is not enough for the population of FOD. MIU only open until 8pm. This will force people into GRH at peak times and to call ambulances to get there. It needs to be opened later especially at peak times May - August as data indicates. 24 individual beds is being proposed to accommodate COVID. By the time the hospital is built we will have this more under control. Should it be playing such a large part in affecting plans?		

## What is good about our plans?

		Response Percent	Response Total
33	Everything. A new state of the art hospital, fit for major operations & maternity services should be built at Five Acres in the Forest of Dean. Monmouthshire County Council would make a large contribution because Neville Hall is closing and moving to Cumbran and then already use the Forest of Dean Crematorium because the journey to Croesyceiliog is much to far.		
34	Nothing		
35	(1) Inpatients Plans: How is reducing the beds available from 47 to 24? It means a significant reduction of nearly 50% (half of what we have now!) (2) Urgent Care: How is closing the current 2 existing hospitals Lydney and the Cinderford going to help urgent Care. Having the 2 existing Hospitals Closed/Destroyed and building a New Hospital in Coleford will totally access to Urgent Care in the South of the Forest as the time and distance to get that urgent care, which will result in premature complications and even death in some cases. (3) Diagnostic Services and Outpatient Services: How on earth are patience supposed to get from Lydney, Alvington, Tutshill, Sedbury, Hewelsfield, St Briavels etc, with the current public (Bus and Train) transport services? Let alone the winter weather, Ice, Snow and Fog. Let alone the poor road infrastructure?		
36	Trying to build a single hospital with less facilities in an area which has seen a large increase in population over the recent years		
37	1. I am still concerned about there being only 24 beds, with so many more houses planned to be built therefore more people and an aging demographic 2. There should be more outpatients clinics available, so that people don't have to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham.		
38	No mention of therapy backup such as physiotherapy and occupational therapies. These are so essential in a community hospital.		
39	I question the number of beds, why only 24? Have we learnt nothing from the pandemic? And what is wrong with having some patients from out of area, if it offers a specialist service or relieves a struggling neighbouring Trust? 24 beds will be woefully short to serve the number of new houses in the Forest and increasing elderly population. Will parking be free and if not why not? Why Cinderford, with it's rather poor supply road network? The A4136 and A4151 become very congested. Finally, and probably most importantly, why only 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Urgent Care. You state that people can call 111 ( have you ever tried this ?! ) which I have found to be flawed, and your suggestion that G.P's offer out of hours urgent care ? Not in Newent, they don't.		
40	That its taken so long to get a hospital we greatly needed		
41	The bed capacity seems to be small and may not cover the needs of inpatients based on the umber of bed available in the existing two hospitals. Urgent care is required 24 hours a day not during the day only.		
42	Beds: Where do people from outside come from and what percentage? I and a number of others feel that this is far too low when the population of the forest is increasing year on year. Urgent: There should be a minor injury unit 24/7. The minor injury unit should remain, an acute admissions assessment ward and provision for the frail and elderly patients and visitors. That Lydney may close and that this end of the Forest would be devoid of acute and minor injury/triage facilities. Who from Sedbury-Tutshill-Woolaston- Alvington-Aylburton etc is going to use Cinderford when it is quicker to use the A48 to Gloucester Royal.		
43	I don't live in this area and so do not know from friends or personal experience what is needed.		
		answered	43
		skipped	14

## What else would you like to tell us?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	30
1	Do not think this ahs been thought about enough		
2	The new hospitals proposed location (not being on the A48) will impact on the acute hospitals: both Southmead & Gloucester.		
3	Keep a minor injury unit open in Lydney to ease the travel issue.		
4	New houses are predominately being built in Lydney and the Gloucestershire side of Chepstow so we need provision for the extra population here Lydney and the south of the Forest.		
5	I think the films hospital should be used as a hospice as we need one in the forest of Dean and it is such a beautiful place when your end is near. I am a forester and was born in the dilke hospital as was all my siblings and my grandmother passed away there. It's about time the forest people was aloud a voice.		
6	need to ensure have public transport link in place - adequate parking (please dont have excessive parking charges!) would be good to have outpatient consultant clinics set up saving trips to gloucester etc Endoscopy unit would be ideal - 24hr urgent care access rather than the usual 8am-8pm		
7	You need maternity services and delivery suite can't imagine how stressful having a bevy in the forest must be if there is nowhere to get antenatal scans, care and delivery please think through the logistics of it fir real people not just saving money the whole time. We seek to have found the magic money tree from somewhere recently and none of it is used for careful planning if the NHs and the people who need to use it.		
8	Need to consider the whole issues concerning the massive influx of population when all the houses planned are occupied. Just going to be inundated and unable to cope.		
9	The hospital needs to stay open in Lydney. The population of Lydney is huge and still growing. People will suffer badly because of this transfer. Elderly wanting to visit spouses will struggle to get to cinderford due to non existent public transport. Terrible situation.		
10	How is the staff from both hospitals expected to share one hospital? How is 24 beds going to be enough.		
11	Wish the new hospital was being built in Coleford		
12	Longer opening hours, wider range of services		
13	There is extensive house building taking place within the Forest of Dean, both for young families and older people. What provision is being made to increase the number of beds and services at the hospital, to accommodate the increase in requirement.		
14	Thousands upon thousands of pounds have been donated to Lydney Hospital and there is a. wonderful new X Ray dept. with state of the art equipment to name just one of the great facilities which have been supplied by the people of the Forest.		
15	I believe the closing of both the Lydney and Dilke hospitals would be a disaster. Bringing both up to date would create more bed capacity or could be used for patient convalescing, enabling "bed blocking" to be reduced. Personally, I think a rejuvenated Lydney Hospital is a better option.		
16	Transport links are very important and need to be from all parts of the Forest served by the hospital. Will there be a chapel of any sort?		
17	What will happen to Lydney and Dilke hospitals? Hope they aren't left to decay and are used for mental Health units, childcare or other much needed services (especially in Lydney) I note you will consider extra urgent care for Lydney residence, hopefully the public will be given a chance to make their ideas and thoughts included for this service Severnbanks surgery have been very helpful since the Covid 19 pandemic dealing with 2 health issues needing immediate treatment at Gloucester Royal Hospital acute medical initial assessment unit		

## What else would you like to tell us?

		Response Percent	Response Total
18	It would have been more helpful if there had been more info in the enclosed leaflets, or is that only in the full brochures		
19	Car parking must be free if you are going for treatment and for staff who work there		
20	Is it possible to have a urinary catheter clinic based within the hospital? saving travelling time to Cheltenham		
21	Although I now live in Gloucester I did used to live in the FOD and have used the Dilke. It was a nice friendly homely place but it is now too outdated. We had to move our mother from the Lydney hospital because we felt she wasn't getting the care she needed. So I am glad there is to be a new hospital, but this seems like a half hearted attempt.		
22	Are ambulances going to be based at the new hospital? This would largely cut the time a FOD resident was waiting if emergency care was needed. It may also help if the hospital MIU isn't open 24/7. I note there is urgent care team but you need a GP referral to access this service. Something you can't get if you need help in the middle of the night.		
23	Please ask the Forest of Dean population to vote on a state of the art hospital at Five Acres or a small cottage hospital at Cinderford. I won't hold my breath though because I believe you have already made the decision.		
24	Looking forwards to a lovely new hospital		
25	There is no good qualified reason that there should be a new Hospital Built at all. The existing hospitals can be upgraded, refurbished and bought up to be Fit For Purpose. However if you cannot see the logic in this and you just have to spend the large amount of money to build a new hospital, then it should be in Lydney and not Cinderford. There are many reasons why. Just a few are, Available Land at a nominal investment, quality road access for emergency services, patients and staff etc.		
26	Any money available should be spent on the 2 existing hospitals which a ideally situated to support the Forest of Dean		
27	Someone mentioned zoom consultations. I hope these will not happen because too many people do not either have the equipment or want to use it for medical consultations. It is also not satisfactory to just have a telephone call. Doctors need to see people and sometimes build up a rapport with their patients.		
28	Hopefully present Dilke and Lydney Hospitals will stay open as recent increases in populations need more than current 26 beds! Hopefully facility is in place for increasing quantity of beds if needed. Also, there are communal areas for patients (who are able) to mix and socialise as that is such an important mental boost for getting better.		
29	There are so many unknowns, particularly in a post-Covid society, which will takes years to get back on track, even after an eventual full vaccination process. Some of the consultations and decisions already made date back 3 or even 4 years, it's a very different situation now and the requirements of the Hospital, what it needs to offer, does not even mention the repair and regeneration that will be necessary post-Covid		
30	As it stands at the moment the transport availability would not be suitable for outpatients who do not have access to their own vehicles. Is the bed capacity calculated taking in the new builds (house) in the Forest of Dean.		
		answered	30
		skipped	27

Can you tell us the first part of your postcode? eg. GL16, GL3

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	52
1	GL16		
2	GL17		
3	GL15		
4	Np16		
5	GL15		
6	GI15		
7	GL14		
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		Response Percent	Response Total
33	GL17		
34	GL16		
35	GL14		
36	GL17		
37	GL15		
38	GL3		
39	GL1		
40	GL16		
41	GL16		
42	GL15		
43	GL14		
44	GL16		
45	GL16		
46	GL17		
47	GL18		
48	GL16		
49	GL15		
50	GL17		
51	GL15		
52	GL54		
		answered	52
		skipped	5



### Which age group are you:

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	0 - 18	0.00%	0
2	18-25	0.00%	0
3	26-35	11.76%	6
4	36-45	3.92%	2
5	46-55	17.65%	9
6	56-65	19.61%	10







### Which age group are you:

			Response Percent	Response Total
7	66-75		25.49%	13
8	75+		21.57%	11
9	Not saying		0.00%	0
			answered	51
			skipped	6




### Are you:

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Someone who works in health or social care		7.55%	4
2	A member of the public		92.45%	49
3	Not saying		0.00%	0
			answered	53
			skipped	4



### Do you have a disability - tick the ones that describe you.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	No		46.15%	24
2	Mental health problem		7.69%	4
3	Problems with your sight		9.62%	5
4	Learning difficulties		0.00%	0
5	Problems with your hearing		0.00%	0
6	A health problem you have had for a long time like asthma, diabetes, or something else		34.62%	18
7	Physical disability		13.46%	7
8	Not saying		3.85%	2
			answered	52
			skipped	5



**Do you look after, or give any help and support that you don't get paid for, to other people because they are ill or older?**

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	No, I don't		59.62%	31
2	Yes, I do		38.46%	20
3	Not saying		1.92%	1
			answered	52
			skipped	5

**Please can you tell us which o the groups in our list best describes you? This is called ethnicity.**

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	White British		96.23%	51
2	White Other		0.00%	0
3	Asian or Asian British		0.00%	0
4	Black or Black British		0.00%	0
5	Chinese		0.00%	0
6	Mixed		0.00%	0
7	Not saying		3.77%	2
			answered	53
			skipped	4

**Please tick if you have any of these religions or beliefs**

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	None		23.08%	12
2	Buddhist		0.00%	0
3	Christian		65.38%	34
4	Hindu		0.00%	0
5	Jewish		0.00%	0
6	Muslim		0.00%	0
7	Sikh		0.00%	0
8	Other		0.00%	0

Please tick if you have any of these religions or beliefs

			Response Percent	Response Total
9	Not saying		11.54%	6
			answered	52
			skipped	5





Can you say about your gender? Tick the one that describes you.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male		26.42%	14
2	Female		71.70%	38
3	Transgender		0.00%	0
4	Non-binary		0.00%	0
5	Not saying		1.89%	1
			answered	53
			skipped	4





Are you the same gender you were born with?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		98.11%	52
2	No		0.00%	0
3	Not saying		1.89%	1
			answered	53
			skipped	4

### Can you say how you think of yourself?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Heterosexual or straight		88.46%	46
2	Gay or lesbian		1.92%	1
3	Bisexual		1.92%	1
4	Other		0.00%	0
5	Not saying		7.69%	4
			answered	52
			skipped	5

### Are you pregnant or had a baby in the last year?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		1.89%	1
2	No		73.58%	39
3	Not saying		3.77%	2
4	This question doesn't apply to me		20.75%	11
			answered	53
			skipped	4