

Fit for the Future - A new hospital for the Forest of Dean

Responses from those with a disability

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Inpatient care:	23.9% (28)	15.4% (18)	19.7% (23)	37.6% (44)	3.4% (4)	117
Urgent care:	24.1% (28)	13.8% (16)	19.0% (22)	39.7% (46)	3.4% (4)	116
Diagnostic services:	23.3% (27)	31.0% (36)	15.5% (18)	26.7% (31)	3.4% (4)	116
Outpatient services:	23.9% (28)	28.2% (33)	15.4% (18)	29.1% (34)	3.4% (4)	117
					answered	117
					skipped	3

Please tell us why you think this, e.g. the information you would like us to consider (97)

1	Going from 2 MIU to one only open 12 hours a day rather than 15 is a big negative change!
2	As there is going to be a huge expansion in the number of houses in the Forest we will need more beds than we now have in Lydney and Dilke together. I also think there should be provision for maternity facilities and an operating theatre.
3	The proposed hospital significantly reduces services, below those currently available at Lydney and the Dilke! We need properly equipped and appropriate local services, not centralised empires!
4	Inpatient beds. With covid our saving grace has been having two hospitals.
5	I do not think there are enough local beds available with the ongoing ageing population and associated illnesses. I do not think there is a decent bus service to the area for staff or patients. I think individual rooms whilst helpful to a degree with infection control do not overall aid care or recovery. Patients are at risk as they do not get checked/seen as regularly especially when staff are busy or short staffed. Falls are more likely and patients often lack social interaction and this is necessary with regards to movement, mental health and motivation. The single rooms have not been popular overall at southmead and I have often heard patients and relatives state they felt it unsafe and unwelcoming. The hospital there had several departments which were perceived as too small from the start, including library:training and laboratory space. Outpatient departments are only useful if services are regular; there needs to be more pain control management and musculoskeletal clinics. Weight and movement clinics, autism support which is totally missing in the county and staff this end are poorly trained/informed-we had a weekly trip to Cheltenham which was well run but after the group sessions finished there was no ongoing support or place to contact. The trip to Cheltenham was difficult. Autism is largely undiagnosed due to poorly educated teachers and doctors who do not know how to spot the issues with higher functioning kids.
6	Having a brand new state of the art hospital facility right in the middle of the forest is a brilliant support for the forest of dean and I believe should be wholeheartedly supported by all. I can't get my head round those trying to stop it in favour of the outdated Dilke. I'm all for this exciting new facility.

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7	As a health care professional living and working in the forest the number of beds is far too few, urgent care services need to run much longer and the location for the locals on the of Lydney to the Welsh board is not ideal. Have we not learnt through this pandemic alone that inpatient beds are too few and urgent care services are not adequate. Like many of the people I work with and public I serve this was highlighted as an issue well before the announcement of this replacement hospital. And since the closure of the A&E department at Cheltenham and the increasing demand placed on Gloucester Royal is proving to be a poor decision adversely affecting patient care, perhaps the commity should be listening more to the public and health care professionals that use and work around the locality rather than data that suggests this new hospital is suitable						
8	I am from Lydney, so access to Cinderford isn't as simple as is being made out - on fact, it will be easier to go to Gloucester, especially during winter, or at night, as I would likely be a lone woman with a small child - I wouldn't be willing to drive through the forest should I need to due to the risk. The services mentioned are already available - I don't see why a new hospital is necessary when we already have perfectly functioning hospitals that just require a little updating						
9	With the huge increase in housing in the Forest we need far more beds than are available at present, especially with Covid 19 causing such a need for beds. I personally think Lydney should also stay open so that Coronavirus patients could be segregated in two separate places. Things are very different now we have this virus and there should be a rethink. All the other 3 are very important as they are used a lot by the elderly who find it a trek to Gloucester for every appointment.						
10	Would save ambulance time and work and hopefully lives as takes long time to get to Gloucester and Cheltenham and ltd parking spaces						
11	Previous consultation has evaluated that 24 beds are not sufficient and GCS promised more than that number. Urgent care does not need a hospital setting. Diagnostic services are available with a new x-ray facility in Lydney (waste of public finances to establish a new unit). Endoscopy suite is available but not facilitated since years; what is proposed to ensure it will be used?? Outpatients rooms are available at Dilke and Lydney Hospital but not used at all, services have been withdrawn.						
12	Gloucester is too far away and waiting times too long						
13	FOD needs a well equipped hospital due to the distance by road it will take to get to Gloucester granted by Google we aren't far but in reality we are a good hour away						
14	I am concerned that all rooms are now to be one bed en suite. You acknowledge that a lot of in-patients will be elderly. Many are lonely, stressed or suffering from dementia. In my experience with my mother, being left alone for long periods of time does nothing to help their mental health and safety. If the rooms need to be separate for ongoing Covid-19 reasons, could some way of communicating between rooms be provided? Perhaps a lockable hatch or door? When I was on a ward in hospital, we helped those who were less able with things like feeding themselves, or just included them in conversations if they didn't have visitors. Staffing levels are never going to be enough for them to provide companionship to patients, as well as medical care.						
15	As a mother of young children, it is better for the urgent care to remain open until 11pm. I have visited the dilke, often after 8 pm with my children and have also had to drive them to Gloucester after these hours to urgent care. The drive into Gloucester is too far when your child is ill. It would reduce demand on ambulances too. It is a shame that there won't be a birthing unit on site.						
16	In a perfect world the number of inpatient beds would be sufficient but the world isn't perfect and i don't feel the capacity is sufficient. Urgent care will not be available after a certain time and to me if you are going to give community service then it should be available at all times.						
17	As health and care services are joined up should outpatient mental health services in the forest be moved to the new hospital?						
18	Lydney needs it's own Hospital						

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19	<p>I can get my dad who has Parkinson's to Lydney Hospital easily and quickly if necessary.</p> <p>My mum passed away last year at Lydney hospital from secondary breast cancer and was a total god send that we could be so close when we needed to be.</p> <p>If this service moves to Cinderford the people of Lydney may as well go to Gloucester for treatment considering how far away it is.</p> <p>It's impossible for my dad to get on a bus, let alone getting the continued funding for a bus service required to get people from Lydney to Cinderford and there was no mention of how you was planning to fund a bus service.</p> <p>My mum also used the mobile chemo service at the Dilke, this was also a lot easier to get to compared to Cheltenham, however, it had no or very little public transport available for people from Lydney.</p> <p>Your plans look very nice but this does not serve the needs of the residents of Lydney as we have better transport links to Gloucester.</p>						
20	The positioning of the new hospital will not be easily accessible to about 1/3rd of the population. The proposed number of in patient facilities are too small, being half of what currently exists.						
21	I seriously doubt the modelling for in patient beds. In an ideal world would be given at home but there are serious risks to this assumption and a loss of 10 days max. Staffing is a key risk - particularly in nursing.						
22	There are numerous patients from the forest area in hospitals outside the area atm, with all these new houses being built throughout the forest there is no way 24 beds will cover the 'locals' needs. Same applies for urgent needs. There needs to be a second emergency care unit at Lydney, where the majority of the population live and also has far easier access for those without their own transport. Getting everyone to Cinderford with the poor public transport and near impassable roads during the winter will cause more accidents and patients! We all know that time in Ugent care is just that, needs to be urgent, including getting the patient to the facilities.						
23	No options for those living the bottom end of the forest , Lydney needs to be a minor injuries unit . There will be no coverage for us ,						
24	There is less provision than we currently have and the area is growing, with more and more new housing developments and an increasing population. Cinderford is know for very white winters so will not be accessible to everyone. The forest roads can be very dangerous due to the amount of wild animals, making Cinderford the wrong place to put it. There is no bus service in the evening so unless you have a car you will not be able to get there.. We need to keep two provisions to cover the whole area and the amount of people.						
25	Transport links from Lydney to Cinderford are not great. The roads can be hazardous during the bad weather						
26	Would be a lot more help for patients and not going to the worse hospital Gloucester						
27	I think they should keep Lydney one open for the ones that live in that area and the ones in cinderford use the new one and Gloucester use the Gloucester hospital obviously if then the hospitals send you to Gloucester for a serious operation then u go but untill then we should stick to our own hospital this is why hospital's are getting over crowded and they can't keep up yes I know we are is a difficult situation at this moment in time but once this eases we should stick to our own areas for hospital						
28	After working for GCC and seeing the amount of consultations I have not got a lot of faith in this plan for a new hospital. I think the consultations are a complete waste of tax payers monies and it is just a tick box exercise. When I worked for GCC the consultations were very poorly advertised to the public. I attended one consultation exercise held at Cinderford Rugby club. There were NO signs leading from the town to say there was a public consultation. I asked one of the ladies working on this consultation why were there NO SIGNS up to inform the public that this was happening and she said we were told they were not allowed??? There were more staff in there than public attendees. It was a disgrace. Leaflets should have been sent to every home in the forest not just placed in doctors surgeries, libraries, Foxes Bridge, etc. I still think the two other hospitals should be updated (what will happen to them??) I dread to think (investors for new homes no doubt). Never good to put all your eggs in one basket.						
29	Hard to get to from some parts of the Forest if you dont drive or have your own transport						

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30	there is no way 24 beds is enough. If we have another covid type of thing, where will we put people? I thought the idea was to have more and better of everything. The only upside is having a more modern environment						
31	The population of Lydney (and indeed the Forest) is expanding, and this centralisation is going to cause a disadvantage to the citizens of Lydney and the surrounding areas. Cinderford and its locality (Newent, Mitcheldean etc) are far closer to Gloucester than Lydney. This leaves the Lydney end of the Forest further away from a hospital than anywhere else in the Forest!!						
32	We need services on our doorstep, that is accessible to all. The transport systems within the Forest are quite poor with many towns lacking frequently links to city hospitals. The forest is a high area for poverty, social depravity and ill health and people should be able to have access to services without travelling hours						
33	The transport provisions proposed will not support people in Lydney and reduction in the total number of beds will mean a greater reliance on Gloucester!						
34	Number of beds being only 24 for the whole area doesn't seem enough. You say that people from out of the area won't be using those beds but how can you guarantee this ? I live in St Briavels and am concerned about the lack of transport links to cinderford for people without transportation. It is much easier and cheaper to get a lift to Lydney. More diagnostics and minor surgical procedures would be welcome to save the trips to Gloucester or Cheltenham. Urgent care remaining in Lydney would be welcomed.						
35	A local hospital which we can get access to inpatient and outpatient services will be good and the travelling will be less than having to go out to Gloucester or Cheltenham						
36	WE NEED LYDNEY AND DILKE AND THE NEW ONE. THE FOREST POPULATION HAS INCREASED. OLD HOSPITALS ARE EACH END OF THE FOREST FOR FAIR ACCESS TO ALL OF US AS IN A RURAL AREA THIS IS NECESSARY AND OUR RIGHTS TO ACCESS.						
37	lydney will be the biggest town in the forest and therefore needs the appropriate facilities to provide all health care which it won't have with the new proposals. This can't be right it will leave us with less than we have now. Also the forest roads are not good in the winter months. I am 70 a widow and don't drive so it really worries me. We need both hospitals they are in full use now and Lydney is growing fast!						
38	Lydney hospital is super important for people like me, I can't drive and I have 4 children. The buses to anywhere are practically impossible and I can't afford a taxi to Cinderford or Gloucester for a hospital visit. It would be detrimental to the health of myself and my children						
39	Reducing the hours of urgent care is just not acceptable. I have used this service at 10pm when I had a poorly baby and the thought of going to Gloucester, leaving another child at home, would have added to stress and upset. I was actually hopeful the new hospital would increase hours from 7am to midnight, not reduce it! Even if you extend the proposed time to 10pm, I feel that would have huge benefits to the local community.						
40	The number of inpatient beds are clearly inadequate, approx half of current combined beds at Dilke and Lydney. How will you manage with this number? I know that you have just had to increase the number of beds back up at Dilke. Has the current pandemic taught you nothing about under capacity in the NHS?						
41	Less beds, therefore less inpatient care than Lydney & Dilke combined ergo worse option.						
42	Lydney needs a hospital in its own town to continue						
43	Transport and location is the biggest issue especially for anyone without a car .						
44	I do not agree that you should close lydney hospital. We need the hospital						
45	There are two perfectly functioning hospitals in the area already why waste millions when you can update these two well used and well loved hospitals built for the peoples of the F.O.D. area does not make sense						
46	We need a hospital that can cope with emergencies Gloucester hospital is so far away. If we do get a new hospital it must be state of the art and not just a upgrade one like we have now						

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47	Urgent care is extremely important as the distance to the next hospital providing this service could be the difference between life and death. Inpatient unit extremely important to our elderly and families to maintain contact with their friends and family which would improve emotional wellbeing which would have a positive impact on physical wellbeing leading to less time in hospital						
48	Elderly and disabled people do not always have access to transport. At best the public transport from Lydney to Cinderford can be described as diabolical, and that is on the assumption that they are physically stable and well enough to get to the bust station !!						
49	I am sure I am wasting my time filling in this consultation form because the majority of people in the Forest didn't want to lose either Lydney or Dilke Hospitals but the consultation was completely ignored. Forest people will not get the services we have now if we only have one hospital. People in the south of the Forest need to be able to still have the services of the hospital in Lydney. For a start they have a state of the art XRay dept. paid for by us the public which should be retained.						
50	The FOD is a rural area with very basic public transport services (and none in the later evening/overnight) - accessibility is key. Lydney is a fast growing community - we have 2 small GP practices and Lydney Hospital for peripatetic consultations/physio etc - the latter will disappear. Cinderford will have a new district hospital and already has a large GP hub. It is all a bit unbalanced!!						
51	Cinderford is not the "ideal" location for this hospital. It is not central and a long way from Lydney, which is the fastest growing area. I disagree that bed provision should be reduced by half. Local health services are not expanding in these distant areas and we need a health hub in Lydney.						
52	Without al local service the nearest hospital is Gloucester.						
53	With only one hospital in the FoD you are taking away a major medical service. Travelling from Lydney to Cinderford is long and often dangerous especially during winter periods . Also, from Lydney it is quicker to get to Gloucester by public transport than it is by road and so will have a huge impact on those who are visiting patients or have an outpatient apt.						
54	There is not enough information on how people in the South of the Forest can access urgent care swiftly. There is still an unacceptable commute to the larger hospitals for women in labour.						
55	To far away from lydney and surrounding area and especially difficult to get there in winter						
56	Nowhere near enough beds, space or services. Double it and you might be talking						
57	Really important that there are a range of services to prevent having to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham						
58	The informaiton driving the amount of inpatient beds is based on historical data and averages rather than specifics and forward planning for an ageing population with a high level of comorbidities, higher than average level of obesity and higher level than average number of people receiving disabled benefits. I understand the need for providing other options to inpatient care, but the consultation does not put numbers onto the amount of first responders or community care staff. A lot also depends on 111 number and primary care, neither of which can currently cope - so ti appears to be jsut passing the problem. If fewer beds and services are to be supplied then the approach to this should be to build a new healthcare service for the Forest of Dean not a new hospital.						
59	Taking into consideration the distance to hospitals outside of FOD urgent care should be made available 24/7.						

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60	As a disabled person who lives in lydney it is vital for myself and others like me who do not drive, do not always have others who can take us to hospital appointments to have a hospital that is in our town and easily accessible as and when it is needed. It is vital that we have a local hospital in order to get care in an emergency that isnt further afield from where we live. Without lydney hospital and the Dilke I personally would not have been able to get the help and treatment to aid my disabilities as my only other option was gloucester hospital which wasnt practical as i have to rely on my grandad who is 79 to take me to appointments there as with my disability I am unable to drive myself and he is the closest relative I have who was able to take me most of the time but with his age I didnt want to have to rely on him to take me everywhere all of the time so I asked for appointments as often as I could at lydney hospital so I could possibly attend my appointment either on my own using my mobility scooter, on the bus or by taxi or by asking either my mum or my partner to push me up there in my wheelchair which is far more practical. Over the years I have used lydney hospital for sessions with my orthopedics, attended specialist appointments with muskap, had several courses of physio therapy and been treated with a nebuliser for my asthma. That is why it is my opinion as how important lydney hospital and the dilke are to the forest of dean community. I have spoken to dozens of people since the proposal of a new hospital on this topic and not one person has agreed about a new hospital they all want to save the hospitals we have now. Another issue is using public transport in the forest of dean to attend hospitals. Bus services on average finish around 7 - 8pm which is good if you are going to hospital in the day time but anytime after would be extremely difficult to travel to go to the hospital if you do not drive so a new hospital will not stop this issue and trains to gloucester run later than the buses so if necessary people would find it easier to go to gloucester hospital than to the new one and as you know gloucester hospital is already under a lot of pressure as it is without more people from this area heading there and also if someone caught the very last bus to go to the new hospital would end up stranded there and taxis are quite expensive. So having lydney hospital and the Dilke is far more practical. Our other concerns are the fact when built this hospital will have far less beds than lydney and the Dilke combined which again could also mean that many others will have to go to gloucester hospital and take up more of their resources and add to the pressure and finally lydney and other areas in the forest are currently growing with new housing developments which would mean a massive increase in population which in turn would mean there will be far many more people needing hospital treatment and the new hospital wouldn't have the capacity of beds and resources to cope with that amount of people so therefore a new hospital is impractical and lydney hospital and the Dilke are more practical						
61	The population of the 'Forest' is a rapidly growing with the current housing developments and with the future development proposals, this trend will continue for the foreseeable future therefore any new hospital must have at a very minimum the same number of beds as the current total at Dilke and Lydney combined and offer all the outpatient facilities that were available, because many outpatient clinics have now been moved to Gloucester and Cheltenham and with a continually diminishing public transport system in the Forest, this makes getting to these two hospitals difficult and near impossible for the elderly without some form of assistance. If the new hospital cannot meet this requirement, then the Dilke and/or Lydney have to remain open.						
62	I live in Aylburton, my neighbour does not drive, one hospital in Cinderford would not be local for us. My mother in law is at the moment an inpatient at the Dilke, I know of more than one forest resident who has been moved to Stroud community hospital. In what world do we need fewer inpatient beds, especially with all the extra housing being built.						
63	I would have liked more info about COPD clinics and asthma services. The GP out of hours does not work in the forest as it nearly always requires an appointment in Glos. Travel to Cinderford is not easy within the forest - no taxis and poor public transport. More diagnostics locally would be great. What about cancer care, as currently that is mostly Cheltenham or Bristol - a long journey back after treatment.						
64	I feel that the amount of beds that would be available to patients will not meet the needs of the population of the area,urgent care needs will not be met						
65	I think this service could be expanded to include more partner eg dermatology This would prevent patients travelling to Gloucester and Cheltenham						
66	A ultra scanner or to see a urologist has I had to go to Hereford for a outpatient appointment I was suppose to go in at 1230pm but I did not go in until 2.30pm also I had a bladder infection and had to do a urine sample and I wear incontinence pads all the time and I have to take methoprin to prevent bladder infection (illegible)						

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67	People who have no access to transport especially those in Lydney and surrounding areas will not be able to get to the hospital, especially in the winter where there is ice/snow and Cinderford becomes inaccessible						
68	Definite need of a hospital in the Forest if Dean						
69	Emergency care is important. Journey times to casualty units in Gloucester and Bristol can be extended by traffic, which will only get worse with proposed housing development in the Forest						
70	Cinderford is highest point n the forest and often cut off in winter by snow wehave to travel to gloucester now for urgent care we need more local hospitals not huge megaliths and token small unmits						
71	Because the Forest is a large and in places remote area the fact is the reason that 2 hospitals in the places they currently are makes much more sense than one in Cinderford / Coleford. Transport from some areas by bus is non existent and so you either have to have your own car or a good friend.						
72	The consultation states that currently there are about 30 beds on the 2 sites. With a growing population in the Forest, even with more home based care, I feel that 24 beds may not be sufficient to cover future needs.						
73	The proposal sound wonderful - I feel the tone of the report concentrates on emptying inpatient beds. I am surprised they are included at all!						
74	<p>24 beds is not enough. There may be some people outside the Forest in Dilke & Lydney at the moment, but discounting them does not make 24 enough. There are proposals for a huge housing development at Newent. There are 100s of houses being built NOW in the south of the Forest - Sedbury, Tutshill, Lydney. We in the south feel ignored when you have been assessing what's needed in the new hospital. For us getting to Cinderford is a nightmare. The roads are narrow and full of cyclists, tourists and heavy lorries bound for industrial sites at Coleford. There is a heavy haulage company in Tidenham using the B road on a daily basis. So we take the A48 to Lydney but still have to take the narrow Forest roads to Cinderford. Cinderford had a sprinkling of snow on Saturday. It will be an horrific journey from here to Cinderford in the darkness of winter. Buses are very rare from here to Cinderford. You plan a bus stop - the question is, will there be any buses to stop there? With what frequency and in the evenings too?</p> <p>My husband and I are in our 70s. We need a health provision in Lydney, where we would be happier driving to at night and in the winter if the need arises, for outpatients' appointments and treatment like physiotherapy and minor injuries. We are worried that Forest health provision is moving further way from us and will be less accessible when we are approaching an age when we might need it most.</p>						
75	<p>I would like you to consider a place where I go for to have my ulcer done.</p> <p>A very very many people go there with this wrong and they cannot afford to go half way to Swindon, Cheltenham or any other place. Because the one department at Lydney is vital for us and all the people that go there to which is very many people so it about time you thought of them as well. Because Lydney hospital will shut in 3 years time. Then where will I go with these ulcers, which are very painful. The nurses at Lydney do a great job and they are good at what they do</p>						
76	I have spent a long time in hospital with 3 major operations in 31/4 years. On one occasion, on my last night, my bed was needed and I was transferred to a private room with ensuite for my last night. This upset caused me to have severe bowel disorder and most of the night was spent in and out of my ensuite. No one came to investigate why my lights were on constantly even though I was inches from the nurses station. In a ward you bond with the other patients give each other support and a shoulder to cry on. You also raise the alarm if required for each other. Covid will not last forever, company is more important. Urgent care needs to be 24/7						
77	Cinderford hospital even further away than Lydney. Especially for residents of St Briavels and even more from ""The Common"" etc and down to Brockweir etc. 24 beds no where near enough for whole forest residents						
78	Because of my circumstances						

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79	<p>I am a Lydney pensioner, recently bereaved and with multiple pre-existing conditions. I am no longer able to drive and have no family near me.</p> <p>The loss of Lydney hospital would be a huge disadvantage to me and the growing population in this area. Travel to Cinderford is difficult at best and impossible in a harsh winter.</p> <p>Lydney hospital has been there my whole life even though in recent years it has been policy not to accept local patients, but to import them from the wider Gloucestershire area.</p> <p>.When i underwent open heart surgery in Oxford in October 2019, i requested to be transferred to Lydney hospital or the Dilke for a few days but i was told there were no beds available.</p> <p>I was discharged knowing i had no one at home to care for me.</p>						
80	<p>As I haven't had the booklet and didn't know there was one just to read bits of it over the phone I can not answer this question</p>						
81	<p>The decision has already been made to site the new hospital in Cinderford only time will tell if it benefits local people. My main concern is that there is no specific mention of the population that lives on the border. Most of these have Welsh GPs but choose to be treated in English hospitals. At present there is a reluctance to accept 'border' patients. As an example my wife broke her arm earlier this year and was refused emergency treatment at Lydney. There she could have had an early x-ray and treatment. As it was she had to wait two weeks before she had a diagnosis.</p>						
82	<p>It seems that services are becoming fragmented risking referrals to other centers. I have experienced examples when data is passed on. The Great Oaks Hospice was originally a charity (I donated my retirement collection to it) but will the proposed duties be NHS funded? Of course if referrals occur this complicates patients attendance.</p>						
83	<p>I have supported people in the Forest for 25 yrs. Every time but one they needed inpatient care in the Forest there were no beds. If the current 47 beds cannot cope with the requirements of the local population. 24 beds will be completely inadequate.</p> <p>Your proposal suggests that community-based care is the way forward. However, people are being left with no support in their own homes. Covid 19 has exacerbated this issue.</p>						
84	<p>My wife has supported people living in the Forest for 25 yrs. When tjev have required inpatient support in the Forest the beds were full.</p> <p>Urgent care needs to be local.</p>						
85	<p>Some Inpatient care could possibly be provided at home if the suggested care services are able to be implemented - bear in mind travelling and navigating in the Forest is not easy at times especially in Winter and with ongoing road closures. Unless the model of care delivery is radically changed then there will be insufficient beds.</p> <p>See further remarks on MIU, Diagnostics and Out Patients.</p> <p>A single unit for inpatients is possible but with the growth in housing and population in the South Forest those services need to be duplicated. Hospital is for the Future and South Forest is expanding towards 30,000 people</p>						
86	<p>A state of the art hospital should be built at Five Acres in the Forest of Dean with maternity and major operation facilities. My wife who is disabled and 84 years of age has to travel to Gloucester and Cheltenham 4 or 5 times a year for 4 years as he journey is horrendous and expensive as I have to pay for transport because hospital transport fails badly as Mark Harper MP will verify and anyone else who has had to suffer it.</p>						
87	<p>More information needed to answer these questions.</p> <p>Inpatient care will be impacted by shortage of beds.</p>						
88	<p>Completely support all of the above. As a retired mental health nurse I would suggest consideration to an onsite social worker. This assists with speed of providing care packages and a greater working relationship between depts. Prescribing practitioners?</p>						
89	<p>It will be better to travel to Cinderford rather than Gloucester or Cheltenham Hospitals.</p>						
90	<p>I think centralising key health treatments is an excellent idea that will really work. It will work because the treatments placed in one location compliment each other and work together.</p>						
91	<p>Impossible for us in the regions of Sedbury and Tutshill to access this facility</p>						

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		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion	Response Total
92	Born and bred Forester with a disabled wife as far as we are concerned the closer to home our medical services are the better, closing our 2 hospitals and building a smaller single one is not the way to go.						
93	The Forest needs the two hospitals it already has. The towns are growing and Cinderford/Newport/Gloucester are just too far away for immediate care.						
94	<p>1. I am worried by the number of hospital beds being reduced from 47 to 24. The population is increasing and even though I accept that long hospital stays are undesirable and will happen less, I still think that there will be a requirement for more beds occasionally.</p> <p>I was more than a bit perturbed by references to "a range of beds which can be used and paid for as required" and "buying beds nearer to peoples homes". Does this mean that people in Cheltenham will lose the facility to have NHS beds in the Forest of Dean and the NHS will be obliged to pay Private Healthcare Facilities for use of beds?</p> <p>Given that there do not seem to be sufficient NHS resources, does this not mean that the NHS resources will be diverted to paying for beds in private hospitals at whatever cost the private hospitals decide?</p> <p>Also I am not sure that making all treatment rooms single rooms is really a good idea. For many situations 4 bed bays are better than single rooms as the patients can look out for each other and call a nurse if another patient is having problems. Also they have someone to chat to which prevents boredom. Whilst people want privacy, absolute solitude is not always helpful.</p> <p>If wards are understaffed for any reason patients in single rooms could be left unattended without anyone realising they needed assistance.</p>						
95	Having read through the book, apart from the message below believe we have been covered well						
96	Yes I believe the FoD deserves a decent hospital. I am [Redacted] who had a near fatal RTC in Nov 82 Friday 13th to be exact where suffered multiple fractures in RS femure and in a coma for along time.? Couldn't speak, walk and loads of other health issues. I found it difficult to get to Gloucester hospital for treatment. I was a pioneer for a new treatment from the Burden Int Bristol via telephone giving me therapy over the phone onto a modem over a modem.						
97	If or when someone is referred to the unit will staff be experienced and fully trained enough to make accurate decisions.						

Matrix Charts

1.1. Inpatient care:			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		23.9%	28
2	Agree		15.4%	18
3	Disagree		19.7%	23
4	Strongly disagree		37.6%	44
5	No opinion		3.4%	4
			answered	117

1.2. Urgent care:			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		24.1%	28
2	Agree		13.8%	16
3	Disagree		19.0%	22
4	Strongly disagree		39.7%	46
5	No opinion		3.4%	4
			answered	116

1.3. Diagnostic services:			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		23.3%	27
2	Agree		31.0%	36
3	Disagree		15.5%	18
4	Strongly disagree		26.7%	31
5	No opinion		3.4%	4
			answered	116

1.4. Outpatient services:			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		23.9%	28
2	Agree		28.2%	33
3	Disagree		15.4%	18
4	Strongly disagree		29.1%	34
5	No opinion		3.4%	4
			answered	117

Please tell us about any impact, either positive or negative, that you think any of our proposals could have on you and/or your family?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	103
1	On the negative side this hospital will be useless unless there are plenty of inpatient beds.		
2	Travel through the Forest for our ageing population is not easy. Providing the necessary infrastructure will ruin the area. Over 4000 new homes are proposed. How can a reduced service cope with this?		
3	Closer for appointments which means less driving for my disabled partner		
4	Distance to hospital Stroke unit?		
5	Depends on use of clinics and available constants. Currently we both have to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham. We find there is little tie up between hospitals and GP which is a lost opportunity. After 30 years within the Nhs I can definitely say care has actually got worse!		
6	Better up to date purpose built NHS facility centre for the forest.		
7	The biggest worry is accessibility for people from isolated areas and far distance is south forest (tidenham) lydney areas.		
8	Between the reduced hours at Lydney and the lack of services at the Dilke during this pandemic patient care has already suffered. Once the Royal Gwent ED and Lydney MIU are closed it will mean further travel for people and longer waiting times for basic urgent treatment, that 111 pass to the ambulance service instead of appropriately triaging and directing. Family's are already being split across the county when an inpatient bed is needed as there are too few and in some cases are being discharged home only to be readmitted later that day/night as they are unsafe to be at home but the hospitals feel pressured to make beds available		
9	I wouldn't be able to take my little boy to minor injuries, especially at night / during winter, as I wouldn't be willing to drive alone with a small child through the forest in the dark. I would go to Gloucester instead. I can't see any positive impact it would have for me, compared to the positive aspects of Lydney hospital		
10	The most impact having only one hospital in Cinderford is that living in the south of the Forest we only ever use Lydney Hospital. In winter months with bad weather Lydney is far easier to get to.		
11	Positive for families that can't drive. Gloucester and Cheltenham difficult to get buses to.visiting as well. Save me having to take many family members for appointments and gridlocked to get there.		
12	Development is heavily/ disproportionately based in the north forest. The south forest has no new developments with only small surgeries which are likely to close, due to increasing demands and no appropriate facilities. There was an agreement for a health care service development in Lydney but it seems that promises being made have been forgotten (e.g. # to the Citizens Jury). This is clearly politically driven rather than a population approach from consultation.		
13	It would be so easy to get to the new Hospital		
14	I have many health issues. At the moment I can still drive, but I am concerned about the lack of public transport to any of the Forest hospitals, including the proposed new one.		
15	Negative impact if we need urgent care outside of 8-8. Positive impact if we need urgent care within these hours. Positive to be able to access x-ray once it's open. Having to wait during a pandemic for an X-ray for my child at Lydney while it closed for lunch was not a great experience.		
16	As an organisation which supports older people within the Forest, I feel that, our historical culture makes us a unique community and towards end of life many wish to be within their lovely forest and although the wish to be at home for end of life care is a desire, in reality it is often a battle to obtain that from an emergency bed in GRH. Home care providers take time to organise where as a hospital bed is instant provided that it is available and with so few beds that is an issue. I do feel that the new hospital will be an asset to the Forest provided the services match the beautiful new building.		

Please tell us about any impact, either positive or negative, that you think any of our proposals could have on you and/or your family?

		Response Percent	Response Total
17	It would be so much better to have services based in the forest rather than having to travel to Gloucester, Cheltenham or Tewkesbury.		
18	You are proposing a worst service for an increased number of customers		
19	It's too far from Lydney for the more vulnerable residents of Lydney to get to. This will put more pressure on Gloucester Royal.		
20	Further to travel for me, and I am fearful that I would not be able to access services if I become unable to drive		
21	The journey to Cinderford even by car is harder than just driving straight to Gloucester A&E which is what many from the south of the Forest will do or they will drive direct to Southmead.		
22	I am highly concerned at the thought of having to get to Cinderford for Urgent care, especially for those without their own transport.		
23	If a new hospital is built in Cinderford, how do expect us to get there in bad weather, when us as locals know how badly Cinderford is affected!!!		
24	Lydney nearest minor injuries the next nearest one is the Gwent		
25	I have lived in Lydney most of my life and all of my family and friends have made use of our hospital. It has been a god send to us all at one time or another. My parents no longer drive so they will be at a disadvantage straight away, as they will not be able to access Cinderford..		
26	Having a breathing condition and severe allergies losing emergency facilities at Lydney Hospital could have a severe impact. I would need to call ambulance more rather than going direct to hospital myself putting extra strain on emergency services. If I had to drive to Cinderford for nebuliser or after using EpiPen it could make the difference between life and death time wise		
27	Positive wouldn't haven't to travel to Gloucester were half the time the mess things up us		
28	I think if we was to have the new hospital it would reduce worries on parent if there kids have a serious fall and they can't drive then could walk		
29	I feel that it is all being done too quick and you ask for our opinions but you have already made your minds up. You are in the process of now building the hospital so why are you asking us what we want in it. ENOUGH BEDS would be a start. Going from 48 beds (Dilke & Gloucester combined) down to maybe 24 is farcical and indeed very worrying. Also some of the new hospitals that have been built elsewhere have experienced structure problems and lift problems...Tewkesbury being one of them. You say more people are being cared for at home and other services are in the community to care for them. There is not always the care available and has been in decline for a number of years due to low wages, staff levels etc.		
30	I think there is too few beds, and Steam Mills is a poor location for much of the Forest. I live in littledean and although Steam Mills is close by, the roads are narrow and often parked up making the journey slower than necessary. Having the hospital down there will only make for more traffic. For much of the Forest there is a real lack of transport routes, and public transport is so limited and time consuming the new hospital will be almost inaccessible.		
31	I will not be able to travel to the hospital at Cinderford if my child is ill, because the drive there from Lydney is horrendous at the best of times, let alone on a cold, dark night - if my husband isn't home, I would have to do the journey alone - I wouldn't risk breaking down etc, so would go straight to Gloucester instead, facing a longer journey alone, parking fees and more.		
32	I presently travel to bath or Bristol to access child health specialist services. It would have no impact on those but potentially would stop me having to travel to Gloucester for things that are needing low level emergency care such as bit cuts or fractures that presently mean trips to Gloucester after 6pm		
33	We will have no local suitable health facilities! The nearest and most accessible would be Bristol or Gloucester! Increasing population in Lydney and Severnside will make transport to these difficult		

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		Response Percent	Response Total
34	Ideal for people that can't drive. Easily accessible for locals. Better than driving 20 miles to the nearest hospital for care.		
35	Extra time to get to Cinderford in an emergency Reduction in beds may mean no room for foresters		
36	It will have a positive impact as we won't need to travel in to the city 25miles to access appointments		
37	LIVES WILL BE LOST AS THE IMPACT OF A PROVISSION THAT IS NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR THE GROWING POPULATION, AND ACCESS FOR THE PLD AND VUNRABLE		
38	Longer wait times		
39	Very concerned how I would get to cinderford		
40	As before. I couldn't attend appointments or minor injuries if lydney hospital was no longer there		
41	Negative impact on reducing the urgent care opening hours. Gloucester is a long way (and wait) when you've got a poorly child. The knock on effect will be more 999 calls.		
42	Less beds, more waiting times,		
43	Less chance of a local inpatient bed		
44	Less beds for the communities		
45	I have lived in lydney for 12 years. I had a son 8 years ago. All 3 of our family have used the services at lydney, a lot of times in evenings and weekends. When we have had to drive on to cinderford it has been difficult. We should be building on what we have not scrapping existing buildings and spending money on new sites. I'm all for updating but I'm also for tradition...make do and mend. We have more and more families growing or moving into the area and development plans for the harbour for example yet a lack of thought for developing the hospital we have to service the community. We strongly disagree with the closure of Lydney hospital.		
46	My son has significant learning disability and will never drive . A local hospital and A&E in our own town would be a better option for Lydney		
47	Travelling miles to obtain health care services instead of a two minute journey		
48	My husband and I are both pensioners and worry if we needed medical help its a long way to Gloucester hospital		
49	I think it's extremely important to local people to keep services local. I do worry about reducing hospitals from 2 to 1 as this could have a negative impact on people who rely on public transport. I am pleased the proposal is cinderford as this seems to be the most central for the forest.		
50	Its not just about me and or my family, its about the public in large, Lydney residents will will ""transport excluded"" from accessing vital hospital appointments		
51	It will have a devastating effect on us. My husband and I are both in our seventies and hate the thought of one of us having to be hospitalised in Gloucester but with the few beds proposed for the Forest there won't be any chance in the Forest. It is the same with appointments, they won't be able to cope with everyone in the Forest.		
52	Negative - what will happen when we are no longer able to drive (could happen soon with failing eyesight)? 2 people in the family have long term chronic medical conditions. How will we be able to easily access a nebuliser? Taxi fares will be extortionate! We are on limited income.		
53	Closing Lydney hospital is bound to have HUGE impact on the elderly that cannot drive etc. As well as meaning more people going to other hospitals wait times are going to hugely increase.		
54	Because of the distance on poor roads and lack of public transport, it would have a negative impact. Regrettably this would counteract the benefit of the new hospital.		

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		Response Percent	Response Total
55	This new hospital is only as good as the services it offers. Lydney and the Dilke are very good at what they offer.		
56	I do not drive and so could not get to Cinderford if I needed a medical facility.		
57	A good local hospital will be positive, but not at the expense of speed, response and location.		
58	I will be unable to get there as no provision for transportation		
59	Negative impact - further to travel to access the hospital and reduced capacity.		
60	We have just moved to Lydney and we are dismayed to find out that the hospital will close		
61	It will take a lot longer to get to a hospital from St Briavels. The 30mph limit on Valley Road is unnecessary and a further delay.		
62	Only positive as it will be much more modern than current provision		
63	Not sure not enough detail to be able to comment		
64	A modern purpose built facility will make a significant improvement for the area. I think there is a need to keep residents informed about the progress of the new facility and also to explain what will happen to the old sites.		
65	Puts the hospital further away from where we live which makes it less accessible than Lydney hospital		
66	I live in Lydney. It will be easier for me to go to Gloucester Royal than Cinderford. Why couldn't you just replace the Dilke and leave the Lydney hospital alone. They do a really brilliant job and is much more accessible.		
67	I have had experience over the last eight or so years trying to get to both GRH & Cheltenham Hospital from the Forest for appointments and it is a nightmare even when using private transport. Such problems have never been experienced in getting to Lydney and the Dilke. Mentioning just one proposed housing development in the A48/A40 without required infrastructure will further lengthen any trip to Gloucester or Cheltenham by Ambulance, Public or Private transport, hence the need to keep a wide range of services in the Forest.		
68	Potential for having to be sent elsewhere in the county if inpatient long term care is required due to reduction of bed numbers.		
69	I am worried about getting emergency care when I need it and quickly, as well as reassurance or advice eg head bump. I am worried we wouldn't be able to get help over night. There are no positives. The location, reduced hours and beds will be catastrophic.		
70	I think that for people living in the south of the Forest and particularly in Lydney, that has a growing population it will not be easy to access the new Hospital, particularly if urgent care is needed. I do feel at least there should be some provision made for this side of the Forest at the moment it feels this is just being ignored.		
71	Negative impact as only one member of my family drives and Cinderford is hard to get to in poor weather		
72	It will mean services are closer to home. It is still a long way for emergency treatment.		
73	Positive - we will have a healthcare unit fit for purpose		
74	By far the biggest impact is the proposed location for the hospital. It seems that the so-called 'Citizens Jury' made the wrong decision by siting the hospital in Cinderford. It also seems, reading through the weak attempts to justify this decision in your 'A New Hospital for the Forest of Dean' booklet, the panel also think that it was the wrong decision. This weak support is repeated several times!. The hospital should have been sited centrally in the Forest, allowing easy access for all. The discussion has totally ignored the fact that the housing in Lydney is increasing by 38% and consequentially,, the population will increase by more than this!		
75	No need to travel miles to attend hospital		

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		Response Percent	Response Total
76	The changes rely heavily on improving home care. The case is not made in this proposal		
77	At the moment I have a minor injury unit five minutes away and a hospital to convalesce in if needs be five minutes away the proposal is to replace two large local hospitals with one small one		
78	I think losing one of the current hospitals would have a negative impact on the people of the Forest of Dean. Both Hospitals could do with cash being spent on infrastructure and services.		
79	There needs to be provision in the Lydney area for minor injuries, otherwise the Cinderford site could be overwhelmed.		
80	Successful care depends on good communication & prompt action by all agencies. Experience proves that the patient & carer are often left struggling because of delays.		
81	We feel our needs in the south of the Forest are being ignored and that proposals to base all services in Cinderford will make them inaccessible to us as we get older. My husband and I are with Welsh registered GPs but prefer to seek our treatment in Gloucestershire. My family has been well looked after in recent years by Lydney hospital and my husband has this year had a minor operation in Gloucester Royal. We want to continue taking our treatment in Gloucestershire but it seems these proposals are pushing us out.		
82	I will agree with the proposals but please think of Ulcer clinic if you shut this place. you will have a negative impact on me and many many more people		
83	you are assuming that local transport will be sufficient. As we have seen with our new Drs surgery in Cinderford, despite assurances that everything will be ok, there is a bus service every 2 hours. In the winter because the bus also services Speech House hill, this service is first to fail. The bus service from Lydney to Cinderford is the same. you have to live in the forest to understand. My sons lives in parkend and Mitcheldean - both have major health issues. At the moment they are luckily enough to drive but both are middle aged and will not be able to forever. Stagecoach buses do not serve the forest area - buses are always breaking down and no one cares. Very few taxis available and dial a ride is exorbitant prices, there needs to be a half hourly mini bus service from the town centre which is 1/2 mile away		
84	Following a fall on a kerb, Lydney hospital proved essential in diagnosing no fractured ribs. Could I have got to Cinderford with breathing difficulties - I doubt it - 3 days and nights in a chair anyway Cinderford - NO!! Consider absolutely essential Lydney and Dilke not Closed		
85	It is unbelievable, with Lydney expanding at the rate that it is that plans have been hatched to close both Lydney and Dilke hospitals. We need more services, not less. Maternity services should be restored and operations resumed. Both hospitals should be upgraded and enhanced.		
86	As an old age pensioner on my own it can only be negative		
87	Ease of access will be an issue.		
88	Personal experience is that single bedrooms risk mental issues resulting in attendance alarms being triggered more. If alarms are not responded to this causes stress to everyone. Again communications are vital. Patients need to know what has happened, what can be expected, what the patient can do and especially followup after discharge.		
89	Negative as we will have to travel 10 miles to the hospital. There will NOT be enough inpatient beds to support the population.		
90	Cinderford too far. If there were never any beds for the people my wife supported then there would not be beds available if we ever needed it		
91	The loss of any services currently provided by Lydney hospital will impact the equal access for all to the NHS. GP surgery availability and facilities are a joke and completely inadequate to replace those services provided from Lydney hospital. Cinderford is inaccessible at times and outside of the control of the NHS - promises of new public transport will be short-lived.		

Please tell us about any impact, either positive or negative, that you think any of our proposals could have on you and/or your family?

		Response Percent	Response Total
92	I am coming to the end of my life, I am over 90 years of age but I am concerned for future generations in the Forest of Dean where there will no maternity facilities or beds or importantly major hospital treatment available in the Forest of Dean. Many of us now would contribute to a new hospital at Five Acres, including would think Monmouthshire County Council because Neville Hall is closing and they would have to go to Cumbran and they already use the Forest of Dean crematorium instead of Croesyceiliog as it is far away.		
93	The hospital will be built many miles from where we live in the South of the Forest. While it is good that a new hopefully 'fit for purpose' facility is being built which will benefit the community around Cinderford what provision is being provided for the rest of the population? Cinderford is difficult to access especially by a patchy public transport service and in the Winter almost impossible to reach in snow/ice by car.		
94	All positive as far as I can see and how it will affect my family. As mentioned - transport links are vital. I hope a new hospital will be fit for purpose but also encourage recruitment for new staff along with their experience.		
95	It should be positive, until these services are in place then we can judge.		
96	I do not believe that any of your proposals would have any impact on me and my family, positive or negative.		
97	No thought has gone into providing cottage hospitals to all members of the community.		
98	We think all of your proposals will not be to the advantage of our family or any other family to have to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham for treatment when our 2 local hospitals could do them in our forest way.		
99	For us, in Lydney, it would be quicker for us to travel to Gloucester, Bristol or Newport than the other side of Cinderford. Closing Lydney or the Dilke is ridiculous and detrimental to the health of local people.		
100	The things I have attended hospital for in the last two years have been 1. Colonoscopy 2. Breast screening 3. Having a mole checked. All of these were done at Gloucester hospital. At no point have I been offered an appointment at either of the the local community hospitals for anything. I do not know why that is. The breast screening unit was a mobile van, so presumably could have been just as easily parked outside one of our existing Forest of Dean hospitals as it could be outside the new one. I don't know whether there are plans to do colonoscopies at the new hospital: it was not mentioned specifically. Depending how successfully new bus timetables are agreed, attending for these sorts of appointments will probably not be much affected. If I drove, it would be better as the journey would be slightly shorter and the parking available at Cinderford would hopefully be free and less crowded. However it should be noted that this may not be the case in winter, when Cinderford roads are more likely to get cut off by snow than the A48 to Gloucester. I am not sure of the impact if I had some sort of medical emergency.		
101	The impact on people, like me, with no car means hoping on the bus service suggested would still be available at times needed. I am 88yrs old and ride a bike only and can foresee difficulty should the need arise. Like others hoped the hospital would have been built in Lydney.		
102	I have completed all my therapy etc now but it would help anyone else in the same situation as me? I am so pleased to see FoD starting to be treated on the same par as elsewhere? GOOD FOR U AND US?		
103	In the past I have experienced the delay of treatment of a broken ankle due to the x-rays have been mislaid. On a different occasion my husband was wrongly diagnosed as having migraine when it was in fact a stroke		
		answered	103
		skipped	17

If you think any of our proposals could have a negative impact on you and/or your family, how should we try to limit this?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	88
1	I think by far the best option would be to spend the money on the two original hospitals and put specialised facilities in both of them as well as extra inpatient facilities. The Forest is expanding at such a fast rate this new hospital will not be big enough to cope. Most of the Forest people didn't want a new hospital, we wanted to keep our original ones but our views were ignored.		
2	Improve and maintain GP run units in Lydney and other Forest towns. Employ Doctors And Consultants rather than practices.		
3	Please keep the dilke as an NHS service of some sort or a hospice		
4	Lack of beds and a stroke unit . With an ageing population both should be available as nearest stroke unit is Dursley. How the hell are people supposed to commute to Dursley		
5	I think the single rooms may have an impact on anyone who spends any real time in them. I think the hospital at Lydney should have been increased in size/use. I had hand surgery there some years back and was the only patient for that day. Total waste of facilities. There needs to be more local surgery, stroke and cardiac treatments. More elderly day centres where falls risks, mobility, wounds, dementia testing, bathing etc can be monitored and attended to whilst the person spends a day or 1/2 day at the clinic as appropriate-once week, month depending on issues, There needs to be more local weight and movement clinics-currently if my husband who has a hunchback, has had a previous heart attack and is overweight wanted input then he'd have to go to Gloucester as there are not the local trained relevant staff		
6	No negatives envisaged		
7	Keep both Lydney and the Dilke open and reopen Cheltenham A&E as a start. If you insist on building a new hospital and spending money then you should think about only closing one of the local hospitals in the forest (e.g. The Dilke) and replacing that one with this new site with more inpatient beds. Then increased urgent care services and opening hours including an out of hours clinic with GP on site all night/weekend.		
8	Don't close Lydney! Myself and family have personally been involved in fundraising for Lydney for YEARS. I have only ever been to the Dilke twice - once when Lydney was closed, and once because I needed to see a doctor. I have regularly been to Lydney for minor injuries, and have had many appointments there for varying conditions - I wouldn't be willing to drive to Cinderford unless essential, so my treatment would be seriously affected too! It is ridiculous to even consider this		
9	With all the new housing in the Forest, if you are so determined that we have only one hospital it will be absolutely useless to have a hospital with nowhere near enough beds for the Forest people.		
10	Develop sustainable health care facility in the south forest e.g. Cinderford has new health centre, Coleford is having new health centre, hospital in Cinderford) - Lydney: nothing! Under public funding I cannot see the small surgeries in the Lydney area surviving. What plans have been made in the case of surgery closure??		
11	none		
12	Make sure the public transport infrastructure is going to be there - don't just hope it will appear when the building has been constructed. Reassure patients that this WILL be in place.		
13	Open urgent care for longer hours and keep X-ray open		
14	More end of life beds		
15	Infrequent bus services from the borders eg. HR postcodes who access Gloucestershire services		
16	Leave us with a hospital in Lydney		

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		Response Percent	Response Total
17	<p>Don't put it in Cinderford it's to far away.</p> <p>I also have asthma and on more than one occasion have needed emergency treatment at Lydney Hospital. In fact on one occasion we called for an ambulance and none were available and my wife got me to Lydney when I was in status.</p> <p>I'm sure without Lydney Hospital being open and so close I wouldn't be here now.</p>		
18	Keep Lydney Hospital		
19	Really consider the south of the Forest.		
20	By keeping a unit open at Lydney. Cinderford is so hard to get to. Lydney is a massively growing community too, with hundreds of houses being built.		
21	By not closing Lydney Hospital!!! It is nearer to the main roads with direct access if transfer is needed to Gloucester, Cheltenham or Bristol.		
22	Put minor injuries in Lydney		
23	I believe we still need two hospitals so the forest area is covered properly and Lydney is not disadvantaged. The provision should be growing not shrinking. It will have a massive impact on the local community and lives will be lost. . .		
24	Keep an emergency department and outpatient services at Lydney Hospital but move beds and longer-term care to new hospital		
25	It would have a negative impact if they shut down lydney hospital then we would prob have to wait longer to be seen cuz people from lydney would be over this way to the hospital		
26	Only time will tell. As mentioned above I am concerned about the care provided in your own home after leaving hospital. I did home care for 5 years and then worked in a day care centre for 11 years and I saw many cuts along the way and saw service users in tears and frightened as they had there care and monies cut. Unfortunately care workers are not well paid so they are very transient and look for work elsewhere for decent pay and better working conditions and decent hours. Having seen these things first hand you can understand my concerns regards the new hospital. For me it is central and easy to get to if needed but as for the surrounding district not so easy especially concerning transport etc		
27	Keep to several hospitals, or if on is to be built, then it should be sited on the current Dilke Site.		
28	Don't close Lydney minor injuries! It is ridiculous that you even considered this a good idea when the new hospital is planned for a very, very rural, hard-to-access area, and will have fewer beds and amenities than the current hospitals		
29	Retain minor injury, xray and particularly Geriatric care in Lydney		
30	Leave some form of urgent care and X-ray in Lydney More beds		
31	KEEP BOTH HOSPITAL FOR FAIR ACCESS TO ALL		
32	Keep Lydney Hospital open		
33	Keep lydney open		
34	The urgent care facility should be open until 10pm.		
35	Spend the money on the dilke hospital and update what we have already.		
36	Keep the same number of beds, where do you think the existing patient numbers will go?		
37	At least the equivalent number of inpatient beds as Lydney & Dilke combined for the status quo, .. if you actually want to improve the existing service incease beds by at least 25%		

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		Response Percent	Response Total
38	Don't close lydney hospital.		
39	Have two hospitals		
40	Dont build the unneeded building		
41	We live in Parkend how would we get to the new hospital if it was in Cinderford can't drive at night and would not be able to get there in the day as lack of buses		
42	Again, not just me and my family, but thousands of families will NOT have access to transport, for a specific time of a hospital appointment and to get themselves back home. Is it fair that we should expect elderly/infirm patients to travel late afternoon, early evening in Winter to try to secure a hospital appointment putting themselves in danger		
43	By keeping Lydney hospital open and giving us extra beds. It will be chaos with all the vast amount of new houses being built. We will need far more beds than we have at the moment leave alone less.		
44	save Lydney Hospital please		
45	Read above. It's all negative!		
46	There must be some facilities in Lydney. This town is expanding rapidly.		
47	This could have a negative impact as I under stand this hospital will be smaller than sum of the other two, and there will be less beds when we really need more.		
48	Keep a hospital in Lydney		
49	Provide more detail on what type of urgent care would be provided in Lydney. Provide more information about local maternity services.		
50	Keep lydney open		
51	Consider expansion of the proposed hospital across all areas of care (i.e. urgent, inpatient) and keep existng facilities open at Lydney and the Dilke.		
52	Can't travel by car. Unsafe to travel with covid on public transport. Totally isolated		
53	Need to address public transport and ambulance availability. My brother had to wait 7 hours for an ambulance called by his doctor for urgent conveyance to hospital within 1 hour. Also there is no regular bus service from St Briavels.		
54	Less beds available than we currently have could make a difference		
55	By keeping lydney hospital and the Dilke open		
56	I think that a lot of people will miss out on treatment because they can't get to Cinderford.		
57	If the hospital does not match the size and services that were available then it is obvious it will be a staging post t move patients onto appointments at GRH & Cheltenham and I have already detailed why this is not an option.		
58	Keep the two hospitals. Update the buildings if required, and even add the potential for extra beds in the case of something like the current pandemic happening in the future.		
59	Keep out of hours GP access locally - currently we always have to go to Glos and 111 always refer you there. The shorter minor injuries hours will mean more anxiety and trips to Glos, so this should be open until 11pm. The X-ray department should similarly be open at these times. Transport is the biggest issue.		
60	I think by providing Some kind of service ,be it a medical hub ,where at least people would feel more secure that their needs could be met		
61	The new hospital should be built in either Lydney or coleford with both locations being better for the community overall		
62	No		

If you think any of our proposals could have a negative impact on you and/or your family, how should we try to limit this?

		Response Percent	Response Total
63	I am an elderly 76 year old, living in Lydney and I will find it difficult accessing this centre. I do not enjoy driving, especially at night. This should be mitigated by building a Health Hub with full facilities in Lydney. At least I could get to that, and, hopefully, then access transport to further facilities if needed. (I hope that I never do need it!)		
64	Open Hospital with wards in Forest of Dean		
65	See above		
66	Closing local units centralising on large hospitals		
67	See above.		
68	To ensure that the community care works there MUST be prompt and full communication between different professionals - we have experienced occasions in the past where this has not happened leading to delays and repetitions.		
69	If support services liaison and community care is not as efficient as would be hoped. Carers and patients anxiety and stress increased. All homes are not suitable for home care. Alterations/improvements take time - who pays for residential/nursing home care in the interim?		
70	Good communication		
71	Please give us a health facility in Lydney - not only for people in the Lydney area but for us in the very south of the Forest (Tidenham) who feel travelling to Cinderford will be a nightmare, especially for older people, not all of whom can afford taxis. How could pensioners with minor injuries or needing physio be expected to use a very infrequent bus service or worry about finding someone to take them?		
72	Only time will tell if this facility will be fit for purpose by which time it will be too late. you are going to spend millions on a building which you state people will not be staying in for more than a very short time and will be either sent home to cope or forced into a care home - the last thing any of us wants. This being the case - why are you bothering to do it at all? The present system 2 hospitals both well loved and equally accessible - it works. The new hospital has no plans for maternity - unbelievable. There may be not much need for it at present but Cinderford had had an influx of literally hundreds of immigrants - all young and all of child bearing age. Your midwives will be overwhelmed		
73	Distance / access / travel services to Cinderford far to far or non existent!		
74	All of these proposals will have a devastating impact on Lydney in Particular. I was born in Lydney almost 70 years ago and services in those days were excellent. I had my first baby in Lydney hospital and my husband has his appendix removed in theatre there too. For industry also, Minor injuries has always been very important here.		
75	I would like to know how I am supposed to get there I live in Lydney I don't drive the buses to Cinderford only run at most one an hour and some of them I would have to change in Coleford even if we were lucky enough to get there if it was a late appointment I would be stranded as the buses stop early this journey would take about an hour		
76	See above		
77	Update or expand Lydney hospital Increase bed availability for the Forest.		
78	More bed capacity		
79	Yes lack of MIU with diagnostics in Lydney will necessitate travelling through the Forest of Dean in a time of stress through injury or bad weather . Currently we are still able to drive but later we may have to rely on public transport or Ambulance. Similar comments on any reduction in out patients not quite so important		

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80	The people making there decision should travel regularly to Gloucester and Cheltenham as we do now and then perhaps build a new state of the art hospital at Five Acres with modern services. The journey to Cinderford is better but the hospital being concidered is not state of the art for major operations and with 24 beds too small		
81	As above, plus what plans are being implemented to provide Out-Patient care in the South of the Forest? At the moment the O P dept of Lydney Hospital is always very busy with the many Consultant/specialist/Physio appointments offered. Are these people now meant to travel to Gloucester?		
82	None that I can think of		
83	Non applicable		
84	Refurbish the Dilke and Lydney hospitals and not build one in Cinderford which we will not be able to access.		
85	Leave well alone and update spend the money to update and upgrade our existing to hospitals.		
86	Stop!		
87	At the moment I live in Lydney and the Local hospital is available should I need it. It is difficult to know from the consultation document what facilities will replace it. Also I once lived near a hospital without an A&E which was notorious for turning away seriously injured patients. It advised a man with third degree burns to ring an ambulance from a call box outside the hospital. (The ambulance station was literally across the road but the hospital refused to admit him or call an ambulance for him.) The man drove himself 8 miles to the nearest A&E when needless to say he was not in a fit state to do so. I also spent a Sunday morning limping around begging neighbours to drive me to the A&E when the minor injuries unit was closed. I cannot emphasise enough that what matters less than where the services are is whether they are accessible (especially to people who do not have or are nor in a fit state to drive a private car). What needs to be done to limit this is to ensure that whenever a local service is unavailable or cannot cope there is adequate transport to the next service. The minor injuries or local health centres should arrange this, not refuse to see patients.		
88	A BIG NO As all your proposals are positive and would have that effect on everyone using the hospital? Well done Gloucestershire NHS		
		answered	88
		skipped	32

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		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	102
1	Accessibility, not only from lydney but from Berry hill and Sunnybank will be difficult for a lot of our older residents! We currently only have 3 buses a day during the week that go up sunnybank which would mean older people changing or struggling into town!		
2	They should keep Lydney Hospital as well. In bad winter weather Cinderford is the worst place to get to. I firmly believe that Lydney Hospital should be retained.		

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3	Work with local GP practices to innovate. Decide which services can reasonably be delivered locally bearing in mind the need to reduce CO2 through travel.		
4	Better public transport, and hospital transport offered		
5	Leaving it as it is		
6	There are no buses most of the time. Perhaps a hospital bus should run a Lydney link during clinic hours and an ambulance/patient transfer car out of hours. So many people do not drive or don't have access to a car. Also my experience of emergency care at the silken meant a problem getting there, little seating, few staff, and nowhere to lie down whilst severely vomiting.		
7	The site chosen for this facility is central to the forest and makes perfect sense. Having it on the southern boundary at Lydney does not for those in the North or Central areas. Cinderford is an obvious and logical location choice for all.		
8	Keep Lydney open!		
9	Keep Lydney open. There are barely any buses - not that I use them anyway. The drive to Cinderford is sketchy at the best of times, let alone in the dark / winter. It comes across that Sedbury hasn't been considered either, which is the very edge of the forest. Are they expected to go to the gwent / chepstow hospital? Surely people in Newent would go to Gloucester? How is Cinderford classed as central to the forest?		
10	By spending money on Lydney Hospital and bringing up to date facilities there. They have already got a state of the art X-Ray dept. which was paid for by the people of the Forest. The Friends of Lydney Hospital has raised thousands and thousands of pounds for this lovely hospital and would continue to do so without hesitation as it is such a loved Hospital. It would be such a dreadful shame to close such a lovely facility which serves the south of the Forest so well and is so much more accessible than Cinderford.		
11	Supply mini buses regularly from surrounding towns		
12	Develop a health care facility or help Lydney hospital open. There is public support for Lydney hospital. Alternative provide a free of charge taxi service to the new hospital in Cinderford and combine it with a free of charge transport to Cinderford and Lydney town centre.		
13	There is no problem with access		
14	Personally I think the urgent care should be in Lydney but if cinderford is the more strategic choice then so be it as it's all about saving lives not money		
15	Sufficient public transport links are essential. Also, there should be plenty of disabled bays in the car park.		
16	During the pandemic we have had to travel to lydney for urgent care, so no different. Are there facilities that could be used in Chepstow instead?		
17	The great thing about having 2 hospitals currently is that a&e is readily available. I feel that there needs to be another satellite station in Lydney. Perhaps this could be a mobile unit or provided by GP's. Gloucester is sometimes the only option offered during the night and after almost an hours journey the wait at the other end is often long and tiring.		
18	It isn't just south of the forest. It's all the border patients, especially in the ever growing population in Lea. Regular bus services getting across from the east to the west should be considered.		
19	Improve, not make worse what we have.		

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20	<p>Regular transport links from all over the forest area will be required to Cinderford.</p> <p>There's obviously a need for a hospital in Lydney due to the increasing number of residents moving in to the area.</p> <p>Better GP's in the area. The Dr's at Severn Banks should be struck off as they refer patients to specialists too late.</p> <p>If they move the hospital to Cinderford patients who can't get there just won't bother going.</p>		
21	Keep Lydney Hospital		
22	As above. We will go straight to Southmead rather than drive through the Forest roads		
23	<p>As said before, the Lydney unit must be kept open.</p> <p>Urgent care needs to be close & easily accessible. Public transport to Cinderford is poor at best, and even if you have your own car the roads around Cinderford are dangerous, especially if you are stressed with a poorly family member or work colleague, & also during the winter.</p> <p>Lydney is a rapidly growing area and has better public transport</p>		
24	By keeping a hospital in Lydney!!!		
25	Keep Lydney open ,		
26	Keep the hospital we already have in Lydney.		
27	Keep Lydney Hospital open for emergencies and outpatient services		
28	Location is ideal for existing traffic routes would require little change		
29	Not so far to travel and be much better for the elderly and people who don't have transport		
30	I think it would be made easier for people who can't access a car or can't drive to get to the hospital		
31	<p>As in A&E I assume. Hopefully it will not become over busy as if both Dilke & Lydney close (Cheltenham too is closed) It is going to be rather busy. The bus service is pretty poor especially at the moment due to covid and many cannot afford taxi's to get to the hospital. Not all people have family or friends to run them around. Will there be enough ambulances to cope ?</p>		
32	The mult sites that we already have is the best answer. There is no one site in the forest that can be easil accessed by the whole Forest. Lydney to Cinderford is not a quick or easy journey, and getting a bus from somewhere like Newham or Westbury to Steam Mills is not very easy!		
33	Working with partner organisations to improve transport across the district.		
34	By keeping Lydney open. There is nothing you can do that would make the night-time journey there safer for a lone woman and her sick child! And in winter, forget about it! It would be impossible to get there without a 4x4		
35	Better links with transport are required throughout the forest for those who have no personal transport. The transport doesn't always connect the smaller villages to the towns and cinderford is very difficult to near impossible to reach from the outlying areas of the district.		
36	Provision of local GP run units in Lydney. Improved road links between Lydney and Cinderford. Provision of direct public transport between Lydney and Cinderford!		
37	Some form of facility in Lydney		
38	That the care facility is fully staffed and accessible 24 hours a day		
39	KEEP BOTH HOSPITALS		
40	I believe it will be much more busy and waiting times will be much longer.		

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		Response Percent	Response Total
41	By keeping Lydney hospital open		
42	Run a better bus service. Provide cheap transport for much needed hospital care		
43	Have doctors work until 9pm in Lydney. They get paid enough!		
44	A transport plan to involve the dilke hospital.		
45	Not appicable		
46	Keep the hospitals we have and develop them.		
47	Have two hospitals		
48	Keep Lydney open and have walk in facilities oncorporated		
49	I don't know how but e should have access to it		
50	Increase public transport connections.		
51	Expand the The Lydney Health Centre to include an A&E department		
52	By keeping Lydney Hospital open. It is the only sensible option. Not that common sense is often used in these consultations.		
53	you would need to provide 24hr access to the new hospital for the whole of the FOD - a fleet of mini-buses on a Dial-A-Ride system?		
54	By not closing essential, easily accessible hospitals and minor injury units!		
55	There must be better health provision in, or near Lydney.		
56	The ability to have a minor injury unit local is better than having to travel to Gloucester.		
57	Keep a MIU in Lydney		
58	Keep a minor injuries unit and birth unit in the south of the Forest. Improve ambulance coverage		
59	Keep lydney open		
60	Ensure frequent public transport links are in place; increase opening hours of the hopsital in Cinderford; keep exisiting facilities at Lydney and the Dilke open.		
61	Don't close Lydney hospital		
62	You need a new shuttle bus service between Tutshill and Cinderford which can visit villages such as St Briavels on request.		
63	I believe that there should be a Super Surgery in Lydney to meet needs of urgent care patients there		
64	Specific forest phoneline - (not 111) to trained local staff, who can direct appropriate and timely care to the patient. Both timely and approporte are key here. Extended opening hours at a doctor surgery, care hub or healthcentre with a specific urgmt care facility. Extended opening hours and overhaul of priamry care so tha tpatents do not need to wait as long to see a doctor, so that some cases do not become urgent either in reality or in the mind of the patient.		
65	A vehicle based in the hospital to be available to collect people who are either not able to use their own vehicle or do not have access to a private vehicle.		
66	By keeping lydney and the Dilke hospital open so all areas of the forest of dean can access a local hospital in an emergency		

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67	As I've already said. I don't agree with Lydney Hospital being replaced with another one that is not easily accessible. The Dilke does need replacing, but not Lydney. So many people want to keep Lydney hospital but their wishes have been ignored.		
68	Keep Lydney and the Dilke open.		
69	Keep the Lydney hospital open. Even if I was fit to drive to urgent care in Cinderford it would take at least 30 minutes to get there. Bus services to and from Aylburton where I live are almost non existent, and taxi fares are extremely expensive.		
70	The hospital should be based more centrally, like Lydney where there is more housing development and it is also the furthest point from Glos in the forest. Tbh we'd carry on to Glos, rather than make our way to Cinderford for out of hours.		
71	As previously stated there could be some kind of provision made either some outreach clinics that could link with the Hospital ,so that people could be seen quickly, without having to travel,the south of the Forest has an increasing population and I feel this must be taken into consideration.		
72	As previously stated a hospital in Lydney (as present) or Coleford would be more accessible		
73	Better bus services, a park and ride area?		
74	As I have said, a Health Hub in the expanding town of Lydney.		
75	By opening new hospital it would localise NHS care for the community		
76	Triage unit in GP Surgery		
77	Local care should be put in the place least affected by weather particularly snow and should be easily accessed by public transport		
78	Keeping both sites open.		
79	Via GP surgeries or a walk in unit		
80	Increase GP availability or 111 services. Some may find it quicker to go to Gloucester		
81	We need a facility in Lydney for outpatients, minor injuries and physio and similar treatment, which would so much easier for us to get to and less expensive if we had to resort to taxi. It seems everything is being put in Cinderford - we have been sidelined.		
82	As stated above - the present system works - leave well alone, if its not broke, don't fix it Where will all your serious covid patients go when the Dilke is shut? Frightening!		
83	1) Blatantly obvious - retain Lydney hospital 2) Build another in / around this (west) area		
84	Can be difficult to get to Gloucester or Cheltenham		
85	Urgent care is absolutely no use at all if it is only in Cinderford. The narrow forest roads are so dangerous in the winter and can be totally impassable in snow and ice.		
86	As previous page transport, I think that Lydney needs a super surgery combining the two practices we have now with a small minor injuries unit it should retain its xray unit after all it was local peoples donations that supplied it in the first place		
87	With the increased house building we will need better provision of primary care.		
88	The Urgent Response Team will need to be resourced sufficient to the new duties.		
89	Urgent care facilities should continue in Lydney and Cinderford		
90	Urgent care should be available in Lydney upgrade the hospital		

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91	By commissioning the current services provided in Lydney MIU out of a New Lydney Health and Well Being Centre overseen by GP's and Advance Nurse Practitioners.		
92	See above		
93	The only way to improve 'urgent care' is by providing a facility that offers such a service in the South of this area. Consideration should be given to the large number of houses being built in this area, the growing and aging population and the lack of quality public transport plus it's unsuitability as a means of transport for the seriously unwell. It should be noted that the Lydney area is without the required number of GP's and Lydney hospital is too often having to deal with members of the public unable to get appointments with their Doctors for several days, if not weeks , assuming they can even get through on the telephone.		
94	Expand volunteer hospital transport - outside normal working hours. At the moment - first port of call is relatives, friends. More urgent cases would the paramedics - several occasions the ambulance service is used and does not require specialised transport - inappropriate use of resources		
95	There should be better transport to get to the facility's that is a big concern. Also if we have heavy snow that will limit transport.		
96	Better public transport links would be the most beneficial help. As well as a more frequent time table.		
97	Keep the two we already have. Your proposal is more about saving money and not providing a full service to the local communities.		
98	Upgrade both of our hospitals to meet what we need and put both of our A&E on a 24 hour service with the option to send urgent care cases to Gloucester.		
99	Leave things as they are or improve the services already provided.		
100	Free transport for patients. Also if someone presents at a minor injuries unit with something so serious it cannot be dealt with there, an ambulance or taxi should be arranged to take them to a suitable facility.		
101	Maybe a discounted taxi/bus trip to and from hospital?		
102	Quick and informed judgement (and in the absence of a trauma unit) a rapid decision to transport the patient to the correct facility and not just to Gloucester A&E for further assessment		
		answered	102
		skipped	18

Anything else you would like to say?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	82
1	It is pointless building one new hospital to replace 2 when there are plans for huge new housing estates. It will not cope with the increased numbers.		
2	The pandemic has highlighted the need for good local services as demonstrated by the recent drive through flu clinic in Lydney! We need innovation in delivery of healthcare which addresses the local needs and treats us as people, not numbers!		
3	A stroke unit!!!???!!!!!		

Anything else you would like to say?

		Response Percent	Response Total
4	Either go the whole way and supply a proper hospital with decent facilities, well staffed with appropriate trained doctors, able to actually treat patients not just review and send on to Gloucester. Somewhere offering rehabilitation to older patients. Where carers are also supported. Where tests can be taken and processed		
5	Let's get it built!		
6	This proposed plan does not meet the needs of growing population of the forest, especially with new large housing estates being built and increased in the south forest through to the Welsh border		
7	Cinderford is associated with a high population of drug addicts and alcoholics - consider the people who will be frequenting the MIU, and then think about a lone female with a poorly child being up there, having driven through the dark forest, worried sick about their child, then facing problems from a drunk. Is this acceptable? Would you really expect that of someone? What remuneration will be given to the people of Lydney who have spent so much time and money helping to keep the hospital open? Why weren't we given any say?		
8	This whole issue has carried on regardless of our wishes. Right in the very beginning more people wanted to keep both hospitals but that didn't happen. Then there wasn't a whole Forest consultation on the siting of it and before we know it we will have a new hospital with just the facilities you decide to provide. What we want will count for nothing, as usual.		
9	Playing field at lower cinderford not suitable site.Site access on main road will be dangerous cant see when pulling out from right. Road narrow turning to valley rd.would need to be made much larger and roundabout. Poor junction already. New doctors surgery valley road poor entrance with cars parking both sides of road out side shop.Better build new hospital in old engelhard site using the existing entrance on the industrial estate road.Easyer for people travelling from other areas.		
10	Local people have not been involved in the decision making process. The citizens jury did not include local people and the executive of GCS is not local and keeps changing with no-one taking responsibility and accountability. It's a classic example of waste of public finances which could have been invested in services, nurses etc. No standards are published to benchmark the performance of this 'new hospital'.		
11	A new Hospital in Cinderford would be brilliant for the Forest		
12	We need urgent care and cancer care should be paramount to the Forest of Dean due to the amount of people currently living and rising every day the FOD is get bigger and bigger every day plus the residents are predominantly older people than the rest of the UK is		
13	Things about the proposal I like: dedicated space for chemotherapy & breast screening buses; dementia-friendly environment; reducing the number of times people need to travel all the way to Gloucester or Cheltenham for out-patient services. For the future - is there room for expansion of the hospital buildings as the local population expands?		
14	Please ensure that a changing places facility is installed. Accessibility for disabled people is a basic human right		
15	As an organisation that supports people with sensory loss, we would like to see eye clinics particularly macular clinics for injections brought into the new hospital. Currently people have to travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham and if they have to organise transport through the local schemes it can still cost £25 -£30 per trip. It can take up to half a day to attend the appointment and can be a regular trip for up to 3 years. We currently provide free of charge hearing aid retubing but it is frustrating when people have to travel to gloucester for repairs (this can sometimes be done by post) we would therefore like to see more hearing services in the new hospital.		
16	Could layout architects please consider waiting areas that contain smaller, quiet areas for people with mental health conditions (eg. social anxiety) and learning difficulties (eg. Autism) and also include soft lighting. Finally, please consider disabled toilets that include nappy changing mats for adults with severe learning conditions.		
17	The previous consultation was geared towards the final conclusion. It all appeared to be fair, but was certainly not. As often happens with consultation, the questions or exercises are written in a way that predicts the future.		

Anything else you would like to say?

		Response Percent	Response Total
18	Very concerned that the south of the forest is being abandoned		
19	Seriously concerned about the ability to deliver quite dependent care at home although would love this to happen effectively. Think an urgent care service needs to be staffed by highly trained nurses. Am not sure if the impact on Gloucester hospital has been effectively modelled . All seems rather aspirational at the moment.		
20	One hospital in Cinderford looks ok to someone sitting in an office looking at a map, I agree, but in practice it will not work and people on the forest and surrounding area will be let down and add to the current misery of people trying to get medical care. Gloucester hospital has already had it's workload increased by closing Cheltenham emergency services and would not cope with extra patients from the Lydney/Forest area which could be treated at Lydney.		
21	Yes- listen to the people who actually live here and know how difficult it may be in future to access the care needed in what could be urgent situations!!		
22	Consider those south if the forest , we might as well go to Gloucester the time it takes to get to Cinderford , with the growing population in Lydney and south !Urgent care should be available !!		
23	Please think of the future!. The forest area is growing. You will be putting the Lydney/ south of the forest at risk and lives will be lost. Your plans will cause undue pressure and harm to people that will not be able to access the proposed provision. Don't take away our hospital!!		
24	I await the outcome of yet another consultation one of so many poorly advertised. Not all have computers especially the elderly and no doubt this has not been advertised to the general public like the previous consultations. Let us hope I am proved wrong but from past experience I think not. Too many very highly paid chief's and not enough Indians !		
25	There as been a lot of concern in the Forest about the new hospital and how it will work, and that our concerns have been ignored. Right from the beginning 'locals' preferred a 2 or more site option, but this was never offered nd that has left people feeling like they have been ignored. The public transport links in the Forest are poor and infrequent and this should be sorted before the new hospital is built. I also think an opportunity has been missed to put in a widwife led birthing unit		
26	This decision never should have been made. Forest residents were ignored, and continue to be ignored. This is a complete waste of money that would be better spent improving the current two hospitals. There are those of us who have spent our loves involved with the hospitals and the fundraising for them - how are you going to compensate the people of Lydney for all of their time and money they have put into the hospital over the years?		
27	I think the area should be reconsidered or two seperate facilities should be built each offering services that are accessible that enable people to stay in hospital closer to their homes and families and friends, otherwise they csn be stuck without frequent visitors which doesn't aid recovery etc		
28	Centralisation of health services, particularly in light of the pandemic is counter intuitive! We need more localised general services backed by centres of excellence in large cities.		
29	PLEASE THINK OF THE PEOPLE AND NOT MONEY. WE HAVE PAYED INTO THE NHS ALL OUR LIVES AND FEEL THAT YOU ARE TAKING AWAY ARE RIGHTS TO ACCESS		
30	Please consider and take on board the feelings and comments from people. Don't be blinkered and carry on without listening to residents points of view. We are not being selfish we are genuinely concerned about how we will access health care in the Lydney area.		
31	Nah		
32	I'm in full support of a new hospital, but am very worried of the reduced urgent care facility.		
33	The hospital we have has always served the forest well, spend the money on the dilke, plenty of room to expand, and set up transport route's to the hospital. Less beds for the forest is a not exceptable.		
34	Upgrade both hospitals so that they can carry on serving their communities and provide local care services without long distance, unnecessary travel especially for older patients.		
35	dont close lydney hospital		

Anything else you would like to say?

		Response Percent	Response Total
36	Have an easy read document for everyone to understand		
37	No!		
38	It would make me feel secure if I knew there was a good hospital which could cope and not have to rely on getting to Gloucester royal.		
39	I would like to see the option of maternity services brought back to the forest.		
40	Having a ""super hospital"" in Cinderford is denying people of Lydney the ability to secure hospital appointments that are easily accessible. This will have a devastating impact on Lydney families		
41	I hate these so called consultations when we waste our time giving you our views knowing you will do exactly what you want irrespective of our wishes.		
42	I am sure that this consultation exercise is merely box-ticking - it is already a done deal! As it is going ahead anyway then please please consider providing a chemo/radiotherapy unit where treatment can be given per plan- the trek backwards & forwards to Cheltenham & Stroud is appalling especially for those having to use public transport/volunteers. Please consider a GP hub for Lydney with a range of minor services and prescription filing service up to 8pm (nearest 24hr is Quedgeley!!). We are a growing population here in the South Forest.		
43	Please don't shut Lydney hospital.		
44	I disagree with the "findings " of the bed provision against the set guidelines.		
45	It's a shame Lydney & the Dilke have to close, it would be better if this was a new extra facility.		
46	Dont try and fix something that is not broken		
47	Keep lydney hospital open !!!		
48	Before I take paet in thus survey I notice your information bus venues do not include Newent. Does that mean we will not be allowed/expected to use the Cinderford facility?		
49	Will staffing levels be consistent 24/7 ? Will car parking be adequate and remain free?		
50	A Midwife Led Birthing Room would benefit the area for women who do noy want Home Births		
51	Designing for dementia, ageing and patients is not just about colour, signage and lighting. Please also consider use fo different finishes, pattern, impact of sound, length of corridors, spaces to walk/move, informal wayfinding, reinforcing context, rooms with a view, seating, public transport, type of lighting as well as light levels, control over your environment		
52	Publish the timescale for the build and ensure that work stays on time.		
53	Please actually take the public's opinions on the matter as serious and making our voices count for something rather than not even considering our views on the services we use		
54	The wishes of the public have NOT been taken into account. The decision had already been made before you asked the public. It has been a con from the start. The powers that be had no interest in what he public wanted.		
55	Fit for the future equals fit for supporting the expected rise in population and as the NHS seems to take the view of closing clinics at Lydney and moving them to Gloucester and Cheltenham indicates that unless the new hospital is equal or larger than the combined old total service cover from both Lydney and the Dilke, then there is no point in shutting these and building something that is smaller causing more patients to be seen at Gloucester and Cheltenham with the known transport problems which will only worsen.		
56	I think one facility is a bad idea. The two we have are well situated, and well used. Reducing the number of inpatient beds is a very bad thing for the Forest.		
57	I think the best option going forward would be looking at a different location for the new hospital one that is more accessible in increment weather and easier to get to via public transport links		

Anything else you would like to say?

		Response Percent	Response Total
58	It would be nice to have a baby clinic to use, and to see my health visitor.		
59	Have the ""guts"" to over ride obviously wrong decisions made by any future Citizens Juries!		
60	My wife recently died of terminal cancer. We found good access to GP services and district nurses in the Forest. These services are being challenged by wider policy decisions and cuts in provision. A case needs to be made for how the local NHS will manage rural and community care in the Forest into the future.		
61	New hospitals should enhance existing facilities not downgrade them the plan to close two local hospitals and replace with one smaller one miles away is not fit for purpose		
62	A&E services should be kept at both existing sites. More services should be made available so that Gloucester and Cheltenham don't have to pick up so much work.		
63	Hosp: will make a busy junction busier and dangerous. ? liaising with C.C - Highways re: ? lights & pedestrian crossings. Strongly agree with increased publicity of services provided for public - but also for staff at Gloucester & Cheltenham to save long journeys for patients. Staffing levels - will these be kept at a satisfactory level till the hospital opens. Will redundancies be involved?		
64	Patient Advice and Liaison Service needed at the hospital. I hope for the right treatment at the right time. Despite reading the information in this booklet, I do not otherwise have the knowledge to comment on the various services.		
65	I have seen (too late) on this website that the bus was at Chepstow Community Hospital on 1 December. We live in Tidenham, England, and England was in lockdown until 2 December, as you should know, and we have been discouraged from crossing the border into Wales except for essential reasons. Whilst it might not have been classed as an essential trip into Wales, I would have visited the bus on the 1st had I known about it. I saw absolutely NO publicity in this area about it. We take The Forester paper - saw nothing in there about it. We don't do social media. How were we supposed to know? It seems again that we are being sidelined in the south and little effort is being made to address our worries about the location of future health services in our own area.		
66	No		
67	Please do not make the mistakes you have already made with the new Cinderford surgery. For Example - the nurses rooms are very large - twice the size of previous ones - unfortunately this means no room at all for podiatry - currently held at Dilke. No room for the nurses left behind at the old surgery - they wont move until new hospital is built. Meanwhile the rubbish is collected twice a week and they still need cleaners. Not much thought went into that. Also no regard for patient comfort. No cover of main entrance if people are forced to wait in the rain as a result of a two hourly bus service. Only one bench - also out in the open if you have to wait for a taxi. Space given over a couple of raised beds - landscaping?? Unfortunately relying on the local public to keep them weeded voluntarily - absolute nonsense! When you go to the doctors, the last thing you think about is the gardens I have taken the time to give my thoughts on your proposals, however the general feeling I get from reading the document is that most decisions have already been made and you are merely going through the motions. It would be interesting to know how many of the decisionmakers actually live in the forest - if you don't you have absolutely no idea what difficulties we face on a day to day basis		
68	I note you keep referring to ""South of the Forest"" there are so many of us in West of the forest		
69	Yes, I have had family in the last four years who , when dying, were sent to Stroud as no beds in Lydney or Dilke as full of Patients from Gloucester and Cheltenham. This is totally unacceptable in my opinion and should never be allowed to happen. I am very angry about the way this has been allowed to happen. Whatever has happened to compassion? This is not progress, it is a scandal.		
70	I understand that this hospital will have all single en suite rooms this might sound all very posh and by all means have some but I think this is badly thought out and think small maybe 4 bed single sex with en suite would be better unless you want to kill people off with loneliness		
71	My best wishes.		

Anything else you would like to say?

		Response Percent	Response Total
72	The new hospital NEEDS MORE IN PATIENT BEDS.		
73	The propoisal does not meet the needs of the local community		
74	Lydney has the opportunity to have a spacious 21st century Health and Well Being Centre with latest digitally connected diagnostics. A one stop shop with a range of independent but connected services on same site. The scope is endless. I am sure that people of Lydney and South Forest would get behind and support such a project in a way they have supported the local Lydney Hospital. Lydney has the largest and fastest growing population in the Forest		
75	Not in Cinderford and the hospital suggested is too small and not fit for maternity or major operations. I have said it all. Please re-think and build a proper hospital at Five Acres for the Forest of Dean. If you do you will go down in history, if you don't, you will risk the wrath of the Forest of Dean.		
76	I strongly feel that the on-going Covid 19 pandemic has brought home most forcefully the problems faced by the NHS and has illustrated the need for a hospital service that is wider-ranging than that offered by any new proposed building. The Powers that Be may build a beautiful architect-designed facility in a verdant setting, staffed by dedicated health professionals, but if the majority of the population are unable to access it or if too few beds are available many of the Forest population will be left with no care, urgent or otherwise available to them.		
77	It should be very good to have these services in the forest.		
78	I believe this is the way forward and the Forest of Dean needs its own community hospital to serve the local population. Cinderford makes it accessible to most of the local population, but with improve transport links and a regular timetable the hospital would be available to many more people.		
79	As the forest of dean is expanding at a very fast pace consider spending the money wisely and providing excellent health care from your existing well built hospitals rather than building rushed new buildings that no who is a true Forester wants.		
80	Harper works for Harper. A new hospital with half as many beds is just an infringement on the care and the health of the entire Forest.		
81	I would like to know what is going to happen to the buildings of the Dilke and Lydney Hospital. Will they remain the property if the NHS? Will they continue to be used for Health care? I am concerned that NHS facilities are to be sold off, leaving the NHS short of beds and in future the NHS will be forced to rent beds in private hospitals, which seems to me to be a very bad way to safeguard and use publicly owned resources.		
82	I think far more importance needs to be given to mobility problems - before elderly people become bed or chair bound.		
		answered	82
		skipped	38

What is the first part of your postcode? eg. GL16

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	111
	1	GL16	
	2	GL15	
	3	GL15	
	4	GL14	
	5	GI16	
	6	GL15	
	7	GI17	
	8	GI16	
	9	GL16	
	10	GL15	
	11	GI15	
	12	GL14	
	13	GL15	
	14	GL17	
	15	GI15	
	16	GL15	
	17	GL17	
	18	gl14	
	19	HR9	
	20	GL15	
	21	GL15	
	22	GL15	
	23	GL15	
	24	GI15	
	25	GL15	
	26	GL15	
	27	Np16	
	28	GI15	
	29	GL15	
	30	GL15	
	31	GL14	
	32	GI14	
	33	GI14	

What is the first part of your postcode? eg. GL16

		Response Percent	Response Total
34	GL15		
35	GL14		
36	GL14		
37	GL14		
38	GL14		
39	GL15		
40	GL15		
41	GL17		
42	GL15		
43	GL14		
44	GL15		
45	GL17		
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47	GL14		
48	GL15		
49	GL15		
50	GL16		
51	GL17		
52	GL16		
53	gl19		
54	GL15		
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59	GL14		
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67	GL15		

What is the first part of your postcode? eg. GL16

		Response Percent	Response Total
68	GI15		
69	GL15		
70	GI18		
71	GL15		
72	GL17		
73	GL15		
74	GL15		
75	GI15		
76	GL15		
77	GL16		
78	GL15		
79	GI15		
80	gl15		
81	GI15		
82	GL14		
83	gl15		
84	GL15		
85	GL51		
86	GL15		
87	GL14		
88	GL17		
89	GL16		
90	NP16		
91	GL14		
92	GL14		
93	GL15		
94	GL14		
95	GL15		
96	GL15		
97	GL16		
98	GL15		
99	GL15		
100	GL16		
101	GL15		




What is the first part of your postcode? eg. GL16

		Response Percent	Response Total
102	GL16		
103	GL15		
104	GL4		
105	NP16		
106	GL14		
107	GL15		
108	GL15		
109	GL15		
110	GL16		
111	GL16		
		answered	111
		skipped	9

Which age group are you?









		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Under 18	0.00%	0
2	18-25	3.36%	4
3	26-35	10.08%	12
4	36-45	12.61%	15
5	46-55	14.29%	17
6	56-65	22.69%	27
7	66-75	22.69%	27
8	Over 75	14.29%	17
9	Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
		answered	119
		skipped	1

Are you:

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	A health or social care professional		4.46% 5
2	A community partner/member of the public		90.18% 101
3	Prefer not to say		5.36% 6
		answered	112
		skipped	8

(NB. A small number of respondents have ticked “no” but have also recorded at least one of the disabilities listed. These responses have been included in all of this data).

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? (Tick all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	No		7.50% 9
2	Mental health problem		23.33% 28
3	Visual Impairment		9.17% 11
4	Learning difficulties		3.33% 4
5	Hearing impairment		13.33% 16
6	Long term condition		47.50% 57
7	Physical disability		31.67% 38
8	Prefer not to say		0.00% 0
9	Other (please specify):		15.00% 18
		answered	120
		skipped	0




Other (please specify): (18)

1	Anxiety
2	
3	Speech problem
4	My dad has Parkinson's and also has Nystagmus so can't drive
5	I care for some one disabled due to stroke
6	N/A
7	Auto immune disease
8	Spina Bifida



Do you consider yourself to have a disability? (Tick all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Total
9	Main carer		
10	Just old age!		
11	Currently undergoing bone transport of my leg so access is important		
12	Diabetes and fibromyalgia too		
13	Just getting older!		
14	Claudication to L. leg / Sciatica / walking restriction		
15	COPD		
16	Old Age!		
17	Old age		
18	Lynch syndrome (HNPCC)		


Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either a long term physical or mental ill health need or problems related to old age? Please do not count anything you do as part of your paid employment.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		54.70%	64
2	No		41.03%	48
3	Prefer not to say		4.27%	5
			answered	117
			skipped	3





Which best describes your ethnicity?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	White British		91.67%	110
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	Prefer not to say		5.83%	7




Which best describes your ethnicity?

			Response Percent	Response Total
8	Other (please specify):		2.50%	3
			answered	120
			skipped	0
Other (please specify): (3)				
1	N/A			
2				
3	I find this question objectional and racist			



Which, if any, of the following best describes your religion or belief?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	No religion		25.21%	30
2	Buddhist		0.00%	0
3	Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Methodist and other denominations)		63.03%	75
4	Hindu		0.00%	0
5	Jewish		0.00%	0
6	Muslim		0.00%	0
7	Sikh		0.00%	0
8	Prefer not to say		10.08%	12
9	Other (please specify):		1.68%	2
			answered	119
			skipped	1
Other (please specify): (2)				
1	N/A			
2	Atheist			





Are you:

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male		36.67%	44
2	Female		60.83%	73
3	Other		0.00%	0
4	Prefer not to say		2.50%	3
			answered	120
			skipped	0





Do you identify with your gender as registered at birth?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		95.76%	113
2	No		0.00%	0
3	Prefer not to say		4.24%	5
			answered	118
			skipped	2

Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Heterosexual or straight		82.91%	97
2	Gay or lesbian		0.00%	0
3	Bisexual		3.42%	4
4	Other		2.56%	3
5	Prefer not to say		11.11%	13
			answered	117
			skipped	3

Are you currently pregnant or have given birth in the last year?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		4.20%	5
2	No		73.95%	88
3	Prefer not to say		3.36%	4
4	Not applicable		18.49%	22
			answered	119
			skipped	1