

26/11/20

Dear Ingrid Baker + Paul Roberts.

As a patient and user of the Gloucestershire health and social care foundation trust I am writing to object to the replacement of our two hospitals in the Forest of Dean with one. As an older person living in Lydney and not always having access to a car, I worry about being able to attend a hospital based in or near Cinderford. My husband and myself, both octogenarians have no relatives living nearby who could help. Public transport links are poor, and taxis are expensive for those of us on a pension.

When the original consultation was mounted it was clear that a majority of people in the FoD did not want our two hospitals replaced by one. We much preferred that the earmarked money (£11,000,000 if I remember rightly) should be spent on improving the existing hospitals and setting up a midwife-led maternity unit. It seems the consultation was a sham.

To replace 47 beds (the total in the present hospitals) with 24 seems quite unacceptable. This is at a time when 8,000 new homes are planned for the FoD under a recent government directive, Lydney in particular has already had a large number of

houses built by Redrow, Bluebell, Persimmon and Barratt and more are planned. Why reduce the number of beds in the FoD just as the population is increasing?

I call upon GHC foundation trust to listen to the concerns of the people of the Forest of Dean and reverse the decision to close our two much loved local hospitals.

Yours sincerely

28<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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This is because: I am unable to travel for outpatients clinics to Gloucester and Cheltenham

A local minor injuries unit is vital in this area due to difficulties in travel especially in the winter months there is no year round satisfactory local public transport facilities Lydney has a growing population and medical provision is now at breaking point and another 4000 houses are planned.

I believe it is also going to have a huge impact on people from the south of the Forest of Dean because of the length of travel to Cinderford. This is going to put significant more pressure on Welsh health services and Gloucestershire Royal and Cheltenham hospitals. In your first consultation the first question you ask is - Do you agree with our preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital? **The result was a No, 46% of people didn't agree with you. Was this a consultation in name only when the answer was not what you wanted**

The wording used in your current consultation states this new hospital will be a replacement is wrong. I don't believe that this is a fair and legitimate replacement with a **reduction in a site, services and beds. It states "The preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital"** this was not the preferred option that people decided on and completed in your question at the first consultation.

One of the main issues to overcome is improving public transport as well, how will people be able to travel to their nearest MIU on such awful services. With the recent government target of 8,000 new homes in the Forest Of Dean how will the decrease in **site, services and beds** be substantial for the increase in population? The bed number in the new hospital that has been stated in your current consultation is 24, at the moment there is 47 beds in total in the Dilke and Lydney hospital, how will this be substantial with the increase of population?

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**I do not believe that it is in my best interests, as a patient, for my GHC foundation trust to replace them as I feel this will have a big impact on our family.**

This is because:

1. At present we have a very close by good hospital that is meeting our needs as a family especially considering my Son has a disability.
2. The new hospital would mean us having to travel further afield and in a time where it is vital for our planet we will be polluting this wonderful area further.
3. I also feel that as a patient and mother of a disabled child that the services could be reduced.

I believe it is also going to have a huge impact on people from the south of the forest of Dean because of the length of travel all the way to Cinderford. This is going to put significant more pressure on Welsh services and Gloucestershire Royal hospital. In your first consultation the first question you ask is - Do you agree with our preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital? The result was a No, 46% of people didn't agree with you.

The wording used in your current consultation states this new hospital will be a replacement is also wrong. I don't believe that this is a fair replacement with a reduction in a site, services and beds. It states "The preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital" this was not the preferred option that people decided on and completed in your question at the first consultation.

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Yours faithfully,

26/11/2020

Dear Ingrid Baker and Paul Roberts,

As a constituent patient of the Gloucestershire Health and Care Foundation Trust, I strongly object to your decision to replace our two local hospitals in The Forest of Dean. I do not think that this decision is in the community's best interests.

Hospitals need to be best placed for the people who use them and as The Forest has a rural and scattered population, a single hospital makes no sense. While such decisions may make sense in other areas, it is hardly appropriate here. The elderly and other vulnerable groups need easy access and the dire lack of public transport would create a myriad of problems. It will be difficult enough with the impending consolidation of GP surgeries. And the environmental impact is also a huge consideration, not only of the building but of the extra journey's people will be forced to make.

The detrimental effects of this decision outweigh any advantages, apart from the fact that it is not a popular decision here in The Forest.

Our two local hospitals are essential and if there are funds available, it would be best placed in improving these.

I ask you on behalf of the local population, please reconsider. The population of The Forest of Dean need a better service than the new hospital could ever offer.

Your sincerely,

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Dear Ingrid Baker & Paul Roberts

**As a patient of The Gloucestershire Health and Foundation Trust, I want to make a complaint about your decision to replace our two hospitals in The Forest Of Dean with one.**

**I do not believe it is in my best interests, as a patient for my GHC Foundation Trust to replace them as I feel this will have a big impact on my family.**

This is because:

1. The distance to travel
2. Increase in pollution
3. Decreased services

4. If the main road into Gloucestershire is compromised, we can't get there.

I believe it will also have a huge impact on people from the South of The Forest of Dean due to the length of travel to Cinderford. This is going to put significantly more pressure on Welsh Health Services and Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

In your first consultation the first question you ask is:- Do you agree with our preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in The Forest of Dean, which would replace the Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District hospital?

**The result was a No. 48% of people do not agree with you. 48% of respondents, not total population.**

The wording in your current consultation states this new hospital will be a replacement. That is wrong. I don't believe this is a fair and legitimate replacement with a reduction in site, services and beds. It states, **"The preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in The Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District hospital."** This **WAS NOT** the preferred option that people decided on and completed in your question at the first consultation.

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P.S. We really, really want Maternity services restored. Does "Robust" service is not that. Examples can be given.

We would like day & night surgical procedures restored to our local hospitals. It adds to the stress, having to travel.

Your proposed new building is no more than a glorified nursing home.

Are you prepared to be personally held accountable for your actions, or are you hiding behind your job titles?

*25<sup>th</sup> November 2020*

Dear Ingrid Baker and Paul Roberts,

I am a patient of the Gloucestershire Health and Care Foundation Trust living in the Forest of Dean and wish to make a complaint regarding your decision to replace The Dilke and Lydney Hospitals with one new hospital. A recent expensive consultation has already been carried out seeking the views of local people on future health provision and this showed strong support for retention of the two much valued hospitals.

These two hospitals service the very wide and diverse area which is the Forest including the towns of Coleford, Lydney, Cinderford and Newent and numerous villages between. Public transport is in a pitiful state with some villages having few daytime buses and no evening service at all. Roads are in poor repair and temporary road closures are common. It is a logistical impossibility to think that one hospital in a single location would have any chance of serving the needs of the whole population. A frightening scenario of emergency patients being unable to access hospital care and patients isolated without family visits and support emerges.

A new Local Plan is currently being made by the Forest of Dean District Council and provision will be made for widespread housing developments throughout the area with attending population increase.. Currently our two hospitals provide 47 beds and you have stated that a new hospital would offer 24. During the consultation period I questioned how this would work and was told that one possible solution would be to make use of spare beds in residential Care Homes or pay private individuals to take patients into their homes for recuperation in order to free up beds more quickly. Even before the current Covid crisis these ideas are highly questionable.



I write to you with a sense of irritation. I gave great consideration to your unwieldy and unfriendly consultation document and gave my responses. I attended meetings to speak with your personnel. When responses were counted and analysed and the findings did not suit your plans you told us that the consultation was *For Guidance Only*. This was a shabby trick.

I ask you now to think again. Look at the FODDC Emerging Plan and ask yourselves how one hospital can provide for the planned increase in population. Scrap the new build hospital plan and use the funding to invest in our two great hospitals.

I start with a complaint and end with a request.

Yours sincerely,

27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Ingrid Baker & Paul Roberts

**As a patient of the Gloucestershire health and care foundation trust, I want to complain about your decision to replace our two hospitals in the Forest Of Dean with one. In Lydney there is a large number of new houses being built and I understand that the new arrivals to the area are already having problems registering with schools, doctors and dentists. These residents are from a large range of age groups and are likely, at some point, to need the services of a hospital.**

**Taking this into account I do not believe that it is in my best interests, as a patient, for my GHC foundation trust to replace the hospitals in Cinderford and Lydney with a new facility which will not have the capacity of the existing provision. In going ahead with your plan I feel that this will have a big impact on my family.**

The following reasons for my position are as follows –

1. The site in Steam Mills takes a long time to travel to. It is not a journey that has a transport link for those of us that do not have cars. In fact there is a high number of residents that have given up driving due to age and this can/ will affect a lot more as time goes on.
2. The size of the planned for replacement hospital will not meet the needs of Forest of Dean residents and this is even before it is built.
3. The whole project has been planned to fit the budget that is available and not the needs of the inhabitants of the area.

I believe it is also going to have a huge impact on people living in Lydney and the surrounding area which form the south of the Forest of Dean because of the length of travel to Cinderford. The proposed hospital will have a significant impact and put more pressure on the Welsh health services and Gloucestershire Royal hospital. In your first consultation the first question you asked was - Do you agree with our preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital? The result was a No, 46% of people didn't agree with you.

The wording used in your current consultation states this new hospital will be a replacement is wrong. I don't believe that this is a fair and legitimate replacement with a reduction in a site, services and beds. It states "The preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in the Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District Hospital" this was not the preferred option that people decided on and completed in your question at the first consultation.

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As a patient of the Gloucestershire Health and Care Foundation Trust, I want to make a complaint about your decision to replace our two hospitals, in the Forest of Dean, with one.

I do not believe that it is in my best interests, as a patient, for my GHC Foundation Trust to replace them as I feel this will have a big impact on my family. This is because the distance we would have to travel would be greatly increased and, if at some point we are unable to drive, the public transport is at best abysmal and if the need to attend the hospital arose in the night there is no public transport.

If any member of my family were to become an inpatient the location would cause great difficulty in visiting, again because of the distance they would need to travel and the poor public transport.

The reduction in beds is a decision which is ludicrous at best as the number of new properties being built in Lydney alone will increase the need for beds. The suggestion that the beds would only be occupied by residents of the Forest of Dean is wishful thinking.

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One of the main issues to overcome is improving public transport, how will people be able to travel to their nearest MIU on such poor services? With the recent government target of 8,000 new homes to be built in the Forest of Dean, how will the decrease in sites, services and beds be appropriate for the increase in population?

The bed number in the new hospital, that has been stated in your current consultation, is 24. At the moment there is 47 beds in total in the Dilke and Lydney hospitals. How will this be able to contend with the increase in population?

I therefore ask the GHC Foundation Trust to listen to my complaints and keep our two hospitals open with the quality services they provide and make improvements to the buildings to enable them to continue to provide quality healthcare as they have not received needed investment in the past.

Yours sincerely

Date 26/11/2020

Dear Ingrid Baker & Paul Roberts

**As a patient of the Gloucestershire health and care foundation trust, I want to make a complaint about your decision to replace our two hospitals in the Forest Of Dean with one.**

**I do not believe that it is in my best interests or those of the wider community, as a patient, for my GHC foundation trust to replace them as I feel this will have a big impact on our family.**

**This is because: I have many family members resident in the forest of dean area, who are elderly. Travel to Gloucester or Cheltenham is very challenging and can be costly. Some of them do not drive, but also cannot use public transport. Also, in light of the present pandemic, it is obvious that the new proposed hospital with fewer beds than the number of combined places in the two present hospitals, is inadequate. Investment money should go into expanding present facilities not starting from scratch, to boost the egos of personalities spearheading this New plan.**

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November 26, 2020

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Yours faithfully, \_\_\_\_\_

25th November 2020

Dear Ingrid Baker & Paul Roberts

As a patient of the Gloucestershire health and care foundation trust, I want to ask you not to reduce hospital capacity in the Forest Of Dean by replacing our two hospitals, which were paid for by local people, with less beds in only one hospital. There are some points I would like you to consider.

I can only believe you are unaware of the current difficulties in travelling to Gloucester. Many of us in need of hospital appointments are likely to be unable to drive and need to be relatively fit to use public transport or very rich to use a taxi to get to Gloucester. Those with transport need to avoid morning congestion, road works, flooding or, as recently happened, an accident closing the A48. There is no alternative route!

The Charles Dilke Memorial Hospital was paid for with donations from local people, many of whom could ill afford it, my grandparents included, specifically because of the desperate need for lifesaving intervention in emergency situations - travelling time to Gloucester could well be fatal.

I believe it is vitally important for in-patients to have frequent visits from family and friends who often, particularly in the case of older patients, are unable to travel far independently. Visitors are often able to provide services for their loved ones which ease the burden on nursing staff. In-patients benefit greatly from being in a local hospital where possible.

From my mother's experience as a patient at the Dilke I know the companionship she experienced from other local patients in her ward was a great benefit. In her situation it was far preferable than being in en-suite isolation.

Surely the recent pandemic situation has shown the importance of having two separate hospitals. The Dilke is ideally situated for isolation or convalescence as required. Lydney Hospital is already well equipped and accessible. I personally have been able to have physiotherapy treatment at both the Dilke and Lydney hospitals which I was able to attend relatively easily. Conversely I have had to get someone to take me to Cheltenham to talk to a cancer nurse. There were other patients there who live near to me. We had all, including the nurse, had to spend hours in traffic creating yet more pollution, in order to meet in Cheltenham. It seems services are already being diverted away from Lydney.

The new housing developments will mean even more traffic congestion with the increased population and increased demands on hospital services. We need to retain and improve both hospitals!

Yours faithfully,

Date

28/11/2020

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This is because: Note your own personal concerns

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Dear Ingrid Baker and Paul Roberts

I live in Pillowell near Lydney Hospital and previously lived in Soudley near the Dilke Hospital. 2 of my children were born at the Dilke, and my father died there. Through my children's childhood and my parents ageing, it was there when needed. The atmosphere was always gentle and caring. When living in Soudley, I had no transport of my own so was reliant on buses, so walked from Ruspidge to the Dilke, since even then the amount of buses passing was scarce. Even with 2 hospitals in the Forest it is very minimal to serve such an area. Buses are more infrequent now than they were then and without a proper bus service, even 2 hospitals are minimal. Can you imagine the difficulties of the journeys when having a loved one in hospital without a car?

I find it difficult to understand how you can justify removing these 2 hospitals that have always been lovingly supported by the community. Much of the equipment has been donated by the community and the buildings were given to the community. What right have you to remove them and replace them with one building with less beds and no minor injuries unit, especially at a time when the Lydney has been growing fast and there are plans for another 4,000 houses there. Was the consultation process meaningless since such a large proportion of people wanted the 2 hospitals to stay?

How can you say that one hospital with less accommodation and no minor injuries unit can replace 2 hospitals that have a better service? With a recent government target of 8,000 new homes in the forest, we need more accommodation, not less. The bed numbers in the new hospital are 24 and there are 47 beds between the Dilke and Lydney

I therefore ask the GHC foundation trust to listen to the voices of the people living in the district and keep our 2 hospitals open with the quality of services they have, and rather than spend money on a new hospital, make improvements to these buildings we have.

Yours Sincerely

28<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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Lydney has a growing population and medical provision is now at breaking point and another 4000 houses are planned.

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In your first consultation the first question you ask is:- Do you agree with our preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in The Forest of Dean, which would replace the Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District hospital?

**The result was a No. 48% of people do not agree with you**

The wording in your current consultation states this new hospital will be a replacement. That is wrong. I don't believe this is a fair and legitimate replacement with a reduction in site, services and beds. It states, **"The preferred option to invest in a new community hospital in The Forest of Dean, which would replace Dilke Memorial Hospital and Lydney and District hospital."** This **WAS NOT** the preferred option that people decided on and completed in your question at the first consultation.

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In my humble opinion is that the roads servicing the Forest are totally inadequate and if there is an accident which blocks the road to Gloucester how is any emergency patient to be treated successfully?



27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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**I believe it is also going to have a huge impact on people from the south of the Forest of Dean because of the travelling distances to Cinderford, Gloucester and Cheltenham**

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