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I am the Clinical Director of the Forest of Dean. I am writing a response on behalf of the consultation. This is based on the written information that has been provided, Ellen Rule and Caroline Smith attending the PCN meeting on 9th December and discussion the PCN had afterwards.

1. The PCN welcomes a new community hospital to FOD.
2. Concern that we really have very little ability to change what is being provided.
3. Aware that as a result of the cost of providing a single room on suite facility then this means in reality the financial envelope is limited for the number of beds provided. It seems the data we were presented fits 24. PCN not sure we agree with some of the assumptions that have been made. However whatever is presented the financial reality is 24.
4. Important that there is expansion space.
5. PCN does not support: "Its easy to get someone to Forest Community bed", " Not many Forest Patients end up in other community hospitals".
6. PCN supports the vast majority of Forest patients being looked after in our community hospital. We do support a priority system for our patients being treated in the FOD.
7. PCN does not support that the beds will just be rehabilitative. This was complete news to us and needs explaining exactly what the admission criteria actually are. This was very confused in discussion today.
8. PCN does not support current EOL policy and funding Nursing Home Beds. We don't feel just because its national policy its good enough. We wish there was an easy swift way of supporting patients who can't be managed at home. Concern that the medical provision of these patients has not been addressed fully in the current model. This areas has been discussed in focus meetings and still not been fully addressed.
9. PCN wish a fair model of urgent care provision across FOD. Some areas such as Coleford feel they have been neglected in the past. Individual surgeries would want to see what is happening in other areas of the county before deciding whether they would wish to take it on. Having x-ray on site (although only 10% cases) was thought important by the PCN.

These views are of those of the collective PCN and not individual.

Yours sincerely

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