

## Healthcare For London: Consulting the Capital

### Local Consultation Process

#### Background

*Healthcare for London: Framework for Action* was written by Professor Lord Darzi and published on 11 July 2007 by NHS London. The document takes into account the views of patients, public, staff and partner organisations, and also considers national and local patient and public surveys.

At its Board meeting on 8 August, NHS London agreed to commend Lord Darzi's report to PCTs in London and to ask PCTs, in accordance with section 242 of the NHS Act 2006, to consider formally consulting on the models of care and delivery that the report recommends.

The consultation *Healthcare for London: Consulting the Capital* sets out proposals based on ideas in *Healthcare for London: A Framework for Action*.

The London-wide consultation is about a framework. It is not about any individual service or building. If proposals to change a service are put forward in the future they will be subject to a separate discussion, consultation and scrutiny.

The London-wide consultation will run from 30 November 2007 to 7 March 2008.

Following the consultation, independent analysts Ipsos MORI, will publish a report summarising all views. The report will be made available to consulting Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to help them plan future services and it will also be published online.

In summer 2008, a committee of PCTs will consider the report and take it into account, with all other relevant information, before making decisions on the issues being consulted upon.

Based on these decisions, each PCT (or group of PCTs) will then develop detailed proposals on services – starting with those that are in most urgent need of improvement. These proposals will be subject to proper discussion, scrutiny and consultation with patients, the public, staff, and anyone with an interest in healthcare in London.

## **Local Consultation**

Harrow PCT have circulated 3000 full consultation and 5,500 summary documents and 100 posters to the following; GPs, Dentists, Pharmacists, Opticians, Voluntary Sector and Community Groups, MPs, Councillors, Libraries, Civic Centre One Stop Shop, Expert Patient Database, Residents Associations, Supermarkets, Churches and Places of Worship.

We have been invited to attend meetings and provided briefings to the following: Harrow PCT Staff Groups, PPI Forum, OSC, GP Forum, PPI Committee, Wheelchair Users Group, POP Panel, Voluntary Sector Forum. We are awaiting confirmation of other meetings.

There is a public Roadshow event planned for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 1 - 7pm at the Civic Centre, Harrow.

We have a static display at Alexander Avenue Clinic and we will be displaying another stand at Northwick Park Hospital following the Roadshow.

We have also attended two local supermarkets to give out documents, summaries and provide details of the Roadshow event.

## **Summary**

- **Consultation is on a framework, NOT individual services or buildings**
- **All 31 primary care trusts in London and Surrey PCT are consulting for 3 months**
- **Results will inform recommendations to be made in Summer 2008**
- **Afterwards each PCT (or group of PCTs) will develop detailed proposals on services. These proposals will be subject to discussion, scrutiny and consultation**

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