

Dear Parish Councils,

As you may be aware, NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon Clinical Commissioning launched a wide-ranging consultation and engagement with the public on 7 October over proposals to improve the way elderly and frail people are cared for in the Eastern locality of Devon. The Eastern locality includes Exeter, East Devon, Mid Devon and parts of West Devon including Okehampton.

Your Future Care proposes changes which will, if adopted, provide care and support in people's homes and in the community, preventing unnecessary hospital admissions and supporting a faster return home.

It is about deciding the location of community hospital inpatient beds in Eastern locality while giving people reassurance as to the improved care they can expect instead, in their own homes.

The consultation document is available on the CCGs website [here](#). I have also attached an electronic version of the consultation document. Responses can be completed online [here](#), or again can be completed on the attached response form and posted back to us.

Over the coming weeks the document will be increasingly available in public libraries, GP surgeries, hospitals and leisure centres as well as other key public buildings.

A full range of public events in which the public can have their say on the proposals will be published shortly and these will also be available on our website in the first instance and in local media.

I have also attached a copy of poster which you are welcome to share widely, to encourage people to get in touch if they would like a copy of the

consultation document.

**As part of this consultation we are asking for local organisations assistance in identifying the most appropriate way to distribute consultation information. Please could you advise how best to distribute our relevant documents to your local population/parish area, and whether there is an appropriate place in which we could publicise the consultation and information? We are happy to post copies out to you, please just tell us the postal address and how many copies you would like.**

We will also have a shorter, summary version available which I will circulate shortly and we can post printed copies out to you too.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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