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Councillor Withers
(via email)

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Dear Cllr Withers,

Hampshire Together consultation on proposals for changes to acute hospital services – updated decision making timeline

I am writing in accordance with The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 to notify the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Hampshire Together of the revised date by which we need the committee to provide comments in response to the current consultation on proposals for changes to acute hospital services, and the revised date by which we intend to make a decision about how to proceed with our proposals.

We have needed to revise the dates due to the pre-election period and national NHS guidance around the publication of consultation findings during these periods.

As you are aware, our public consultation closed at midnight on Sunday 17 March 2024. Since this date, the independent agency that we have commissioned to oversee the research element of the consultation has collated and analysed all the responses we have received and is producing a consultation response report. The report will set out the details of the consultation responses, including demographic details of the respondents as well as the results of the consultation questionnaire and telephone research, and the responses heard in focus groups and public listening events. As well as setting out the quantitative elements from the consultation questionnaire, telephone survey, correspondence, and other means of feedback, it will describe the key themes that have emerged from the qualitative elements of our consultation activity. Together these will provide a comprehensive picture of the views of those who have responded to the consultation proposals.

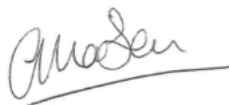
We are also producing a consultation activity report, detailing what activity we delivered over the 14-week period, in accordance with our consultation plan.

We now expect to be able to share the consultation reports with you by Thursday 11 July 2024. To allow us time to consider the committee's response and ensure it is reflected in the decision-making business case, we would need to receive your comments in response to the consultation by **Monday 29 July 2024**.

We will then work to finalise the decision-making business case, which will be considered at a meeting of the NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board and at a meeting of NHS England's South East leadership team (in relation to the specialised services they commission from Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust). Having considered the decision-making business case in detail, the commissioners will agree how to proceed. Subject to the consideration of the consultation feedback, we envisage this decision-making meeting to take place by November 2024.

We hope that the timeline for the committee's response to the consultation is achievable, and we look forward to receiving your comments. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Morison', with a horizontal line underneath.

Caroline Morison
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