

Dear Rutland Residents,

Will the health and social care plan for Rutland about to be launched for discussion meet our needs?

Make sure your views are heard!

- **The Health & Social Care Plan for Rutland is imminent**

The long-awaited draft Health & Social Care plan for the County will be discussed in public at the Rutland Health & Wellbeing Board...make sure it hears your concerns and opinions.

Date: Tuesday, 5th October 2021

Time: 2pm

Website: <https://www.rutland.gov.uk>.

Major changes are happening locally in both health and social care (including covid catch-up and the impact upon Rutland of closing Leicester General and moving acute services to Glenfields and Leicester Royal). Rutland residents need to be involved in shaping our future healthcare services. The plan also needs to ensure healthcare is provided across county borders so that those of us in the east, who look to Stamford and Peterborough for our healthcare needs are not excluded.

- **Your chance to read it and put questions**

The draft plan will be available on the Rutland County Council Website no later than 28th September <https://www.rutland.gov.uk>. Health and social care commissioners and providers have said the draft will be out in plenty of time for the public to study it, and to ask questions so we hope it will be available soon.

- **Why should you contribute?**

Please ask questions because healthcare services matter to you and your family. It is vitally important that there is a good plan for our future health & social care and that it is shaped by, and for, Rutland residents.

- **What sort of questions have Rutland residents been asking?**

- a) Will the plan propose ways of speeding up access to GPs especially at the Oakham Medical Practice?
- b) Will additional primary care capacity be provided in Oakham and for other proposed development areas such as Woolfox and St George's?
- c) Will a bigger range of diagnostics and outpatient services be provided closer to home in Rutland without needing to drive miles to Leicester?
- d) Will the elderly be able to receive rehabilitation at Rutland Memorial rather than remain in an acute hospital in Leicester?

- e) Will plans respond to the rapidly growing number of people with long term conditions by providing new models of care closer to home especially for long term conditions such as renal dialysis; asthma, diabetes, cardiac conditions .and now, Long Covid?
- f) Will Rutland Memorial be upgraded to provide these new services described above to keep Rutland residents out of acute hospitals when they could receive treatment closer to home in Rutland?
- g) What services will be brought into Rutland that do not need to be provided in a secondary hospital in Leicester?
- h) Will Rutland CCG work in conjunction with neighbouring CCGs in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire to plan services for those areas of the county that get their care outside of Rutland, e.g., such as those in the east of Rutland, who look to Stamford & Peterborough?
- i) We hear that Leicester Hospitals have been told to prepare for a substantial cut in capital funding for UHL reconfiguration. Will this cut impact negatively affect the amount of money allocated to Rutland healthcare?

For further information about the views of Rutland residents please look at the Healthwatch Rutland website where a report on public views is available.
<https://www.healthwatchrutland.co.uk/report/2021-08-19/what-matters-you-report>

- **How to contribute**

Please ask questions at the Health & Wellbeing Board (instructions will accompany the agenda for 5th October on <https://www.rutland.gov.uk>)

OR you can ask the CCGs at their AGM on 28th September.
The deadline for questions is 24th September.

Questions should be submitted by email
to: PressOfficeLLRCCGs@leicestershire.nhs.uk

Please let the following know of your concerns: -

- your local County Councillor
- MP Alicia Kearns alicia.kearns.mp@parliament.uk
- Healthwatch <https://www.healthwatchrutland.co.uk/contact-us>

Yours sincerely,

The Rutland Health & Social Care Policy Consortium