

Political Briefing – Stakeholder Panel

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Introduction

This is a briefing to summarise Fit for my Future's approach to developing proposals around inpatient mental health beds in the county for adults of working age with a significant mental health condition. We now need to deliberate our case for change and proposals prior to public consultation. As such, we are recruiting a Stakeholder Panel made up of representatives from service users, carers, frontline professionals and groups/organisations that support mental health. The role of the Panel will be a discussion forum only and it will not hold any decision-making responsibilities.

Aims and Considerations

The key aim of the pre-consultation engagement process is to ensure a robust and transparent approach that will enable stakeholders to shape options for consultation. It is in the informative stages in terms of how the services may be provided and where they could be located. Therefore, it is an ideal point to gather insight to help shape the service model from the perspective of service users and representatives of those organisations that support mental health services. This is not formal consultation from which a decision will be made. It is instead the process of engagement, pre-consultation, to develop options to take through South West Clinical Senate and NHS England Assurance processes. Those options would then be taken to full public consultation, which would follow with a consideration phase before any final decision is made.

It is vitally important that stakeholders are given an open forum where they can discuss their views, experiences and concerns whilst taking on board the viewpoints of others. We value the involvement of our local Councillors and MPs, and so will take steps to ensure you are kept up to speed and your feedback is taken on board.



