

The Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium

Contact Information

Kathy Reynolds
T; 01572 7371449
M; 07957 981232
E; kathymreynolds@icloud.com

Contact Information

Jennifer Fenelon
T; 01572 823267
E; jafenelon@aol.com

Briefing Note for those invited to “A Health Plan for Rutland”

Revised Date - Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 7pm (Registration from 6.30pm)

Venue - Rutland County Museum (The Riding School)

Chair - Sir Laurence Howard, (lately Lord Lieutenant of Rutland & Sub Dean of University of Leicester Medical School)

Purpose - To update the people of Rutland

- 1) To outline current plans for community, primary and secondary care and how they will affect Rutland People
- 2) To learn when and where an integrated plan for Rutland will be published.
- 3) Extensive Question and Answer session. Healthwatch Rutland has been invited to present the results of their recent survey of what Rutlanders would like to see.

ELRCCG/BCT invited to speak for 15 minutes outlining current and future plans for the Rutland locality focussing on integration and continuity of NHS care and social care

Expected audience - The invitation will be extended across Rutland and around **80 people** are expected to attend.

Despite Better Care Together/Sustainability & Transformation Partnership engagement events in November 2018 and February 2019 Rutlanders continue to face uncertainty. Plans to remove most services from the Leicester General Hospital site, restructure Maternity services from LGH and Melton Hospital on to the Leicester Royal Infirmary site without compensating provision either locally or in other areas such as Peterborough could seriously disadvantage Rutland people. The lack of a public plan for Rutland Memorial Hospital raises considerable local anxiety about the range of acute (including Peterborough, Kettering etc), primary, community (including mental health) and preventative services that will be offered to Rutland and how each of the strands are integrated. The situation must be clarified. There are several options that could be developed locally and there are many constructive people who would be willing to assist.

There is nothing new in our call for “A Health Plan for Rutland”. LLR Local neighbourhood plans have been promised repeatedly from Better Care Together and the CCG formally confirmed in 2018 that the Rutland Plan would be published for local discussion.

The Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium

The threatened cuts in the draft STP in 2016 of around 500 beds in Rutland's surrounding area remain indeed the decision to move substantial services out of Leicester General Hospital without consultation has deepened concerns.

The draft STP needs to be replaced urgently by an integrated overall plan and supported by local plans for each community which meet each population's future needs. They are all different and Rutland more so than others.

We hope that by working together we can move things forward.

As Consortium member Dr Hilary Gammell, a former GP, pointed out

“A continuum of care best serves the local community. Links between acute and community care across all pathways of care need to be joined up whether patients go into Peterborough, Kettering or Leicester hospitals.

Rutland has very specific needs not least being its isolation and rurality coupled with a population that is both expanding and ageing rapidly. The best people who can advise are those at the receiving end of care.”

People in Rutland want to work with the NHS and can bring a wealth of local knowledge to working on solutions.

For Information

The Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium. Core members are:

Judy Worthington East Leicestershire resident, former Vice Chair of University Hospitals of Leicester and former Board member of Healthwatch Rutland

Christine Stanesby Rutland resident, former Co-Chair of the LLR Alliance, member of the LLR Patient and Public Involvement Group and former Board member of Healthwatch Rutland

Dr Janet Seden Rutland resident and retired Senior Lecturer in Health and Social Care

Kathy Reynolds Rutland resident, member of the Leicester Mercury Patients' Panel & former Chair of Rutland LINK

Dr Hilary Gammell Rutland resident and retired GP. Lead for Rutland Community Wellbeing Partnership

Jennifer Fenelon Rutland resident and former Chair of the Better Care Together Public Patient Group, former Chair of Healthwatch Rutland, awarded East Midlands Outstanding Woman of the Year for services to the public.