

Dear Colleague

On 4th September 2019 the conference, **A Health Plan for Rutland**, will take place in the Rutland County Museum at 7pm. It will be independently chaired by Sir Laurence Howard, former Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland and Deputy Dean of Leicester Medical School.

There has already been great interest from Rutlanders who want to know about future plans for the County and would like to give their views. We think you will want to participate in that discussion.

The outline programme has now been released and will discuss :-

1. **Acute Hospital Services:** - includes *where* it is proposed we access emergency and planned care (Leicester, Peterborough or Kettering) in the context of the probable closure of Leicester General (including Maternity) and *how it is proposed to reconfigure* clinical services to meet the needs of our expanding and ageing population.
2. **Services Outside Hospital:** -The new emphasis is on moving as much care as possible locally. People would like to discuss what that will mean for local services in Rutland (eg GP; community; mental health; diagnostics; minor treatments; discharge from hospital; end of life care; transport; care homes; urgent care; the role of Rutland Memorial Hospital etc).

In January 2019 a new Long Term Plan for the NHS was published by the government. Health organisations are required to submit their local draft implementation plan including local people's views by the end of September 2019. Following the conference, we will put Rutland residents' views into a report for NHS organisations to use.

The conference will focus on how the NHS Long Term Plan can be applied to services for Rutland. It is available at <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-long-term-plan/> .

Registration levels indicate that this will be the largest gathering of people focusing on health services in Rutland since 2016. It will be an ideal opportunity to hear the community's views.

If you haven't already done so, please **register for this free event** at 7pm on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at the Rutland County Museum one of three ways:-

1. Eventbrite direct booking (recommended) Click on <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-health-plan-for-rutland-tickets-62674990584>
2. Via email to:- RHSCPC@icloud.com
3. By post to:- RH&SCPC, % 42 Lyndon Road, Manton, Oakham LE15 8SR

Footnote -

The Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium is facilitating this event at the request of Rutland residents. It is a non-aligned group of local Rutland residents who are experienced in reviewing the application of national policy. For further detail email RHSCPC@icloud.com