

Dear Fellow Rutlander

A DRAFT HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PLAN FOR RUTLAND IS ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED

- **A 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 **2pm on Tuesday, 5th October 2021** at the **Rutland Health & Wellbeing Board** <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) so Rutlanders need to be involved in shaping future healthcare services.
- **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, Rutlanders.
- **What sort of questions have Rutlanders been asking? Examples of questions people are asking are below :-**
 - a. Will the plan propose ways of speeding up access to GPs especially at 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 out patients be provided within Rutland ?
 - d. Will the elderly be able to receive rehabilitation at Rutland Memorial rather than remain in an acute hospital ?
 - 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 Rutlanders 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?

- h. Will local CCGs plan services in conjunction with its neighbours especially in the East of Rutland /Stamford & Peterborough?
- i. We hear that Leicester Hospitals have been told to prepare for a cut in capital funding for UHL reconfiguration . What would be cut and how would that affect Rutland?

(Please note Healthwatch Rutland has written a report with public views)

- **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 also let your local County Councillor. MP Alicia Kearns and Healthwatch know of your concerns

Yours sincerely

The Rutland Health & Social Care Policy Consortium

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