



Addendum to the Foundation Trust Consultation

West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust is currently running the consultation **Your hospital Your future**, on the 'vision' element of our business plan for the future. This Addendum is being issued to reflect minor changes to the governance proposals set out in this consultation document.

Pages 7 and 8 give more information and outline the next steps in our exciting plans for hospital services in west Hertfordshire. We welcome feedback on our strategic and service plans and our vision for health services for the people of west Hertfordshire. The risks and benefits of being a foundation Trust have been discussed at all of our meetings and can be found in the 'Questions and Answers' published on the website and available on request.

Our aspiration, as we become a Foundation Trust, is to have a fully engaged and active Membership. Our volunteers for example are very valuable and committed supporters of our services and as Public Members will be able to communicate with us in a new way, through Membership. We have listened to the views of residents and non-residents of west Hertfordshire during the first 4 weeks of this consultation period and after deliberation have decided to extend the eligibility for Membership of the Trust by replacing the suggested Out of Area Patient (& Carer) Membership category with a 7th Public Constituency - 'Out of west Hertfordshire Area'. This will enable anyone over the age of 16 in the local authority areas listed to become a Member regardless of whether they are a patient or carer.

New Proposal 3: To have Public and Staff categories for Members

The effect of the new Proposal 3 is that we propose that Public Governors make up 15 of the 26 members of the Governing Council. Seats are to be allocated according to the number of patient referrals from each Public constituency. A democratically elected Governor will represent the Out of west Hertfordshire Area Members with one seat on the Governing Council as show in the table below:

Composition of the Public Constituencies and Governors			
	Number of outpatient referrals	Percentage of total outpatient referrals	Number of Governors
Hemel Hempstead	19967	21.88%	3
St Albans	19854	21.76%	3
Watford	17278	18.94%	3
Three Rivers	16125	17.67%	3
Hertsmere	7295	8.00%	1
Berkhamsted and Tring	3935	4.31%	1
Out of west Hertfordshire (see list below)	6166	6.76%	1
(other referrals)	624	0.68%	0)
Total	91244	100%	15

Out of west Hertfordshire Area

Local authority areas from where we have more than 0.1% of our referrals will be included in this Out of west Hertfordshire Area Public Constituency. These areas are listed below.

Area	Number of outpatient referrals	Percentage of total outpatient referrals
Hillingdon	2001	2.19%
Harrow	1930	2.12%
Luton	635	0.70%
Chiltern	377	0.41%
South Bedfordshire	356	0.39%
Barnet	308	0.34%
Welwyn Hatfield	148	0.16%
Mid Bedfordshire	114	0.12%
North Hertfordshire	103	0.11%
Aylesbury Vale	102	0.11%
Brent	92	0.10%
Total	6166	6.76%

Consultation Period

In order for us to fully hear your views on this new proposal we will be extending the consultation period until 20 February 2009. Please see our web site www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/ft for further consultation events in your area.

If you would like us to come and speak to you or address one of your meetings, please contact the Foundation Trust Project Office, by:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information.

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