

Have your say on proposed improvements to health services in Lutterworth



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This is your chance to find out more about what is being proposed and to have your say about some of the health services in Lutterworth. Your feedback will help the local NHS to understand what the proposed changes would mean for you and your family and help us to make a final decision.

Why do we need change

Why we need to change and provide different and better health services?

Feilding Palmer Hospital is a much-loved hospital. Sadly it is no longer fit to provide 21st Century services. Conditions within the hospital are poor and outdated. Staff do excellent work but are hampered by the building layout, which no longer meets infection prevention control standards and does not give patients privacy to maintain their dignity.

"I want services to be easy to access and to understand how I can receive more information, so I am confident to care for myself."

Most of the space in the hospital has been used in the past to provide inpatient beds for overnight stays.

More of this care is now provided at home. Studies show that admitting a frail vulnerable

or older person into hospital reduces their physical abilities. There is also the danger of picking up infections that can cause serious complications.

Because more services are provided at home, the use of inpatient beds at Feilding Palmer Hospital has greatly declined.

Lutterworth is expecting significant growth with approximately 2,750 more homes being build, attracting people of working age. They are more likely to need diagnostic, outpatient and GP services, than intensive treatment and rehabilitation provided in an inpatient bed.

"I would like as much care as possible to be provided near to where I live and be organised around my needs and the needs of my local community."

What are the proposed changes

What changes are we proposing?

Responding to future needs, we propose to keep Feilding Palmer Hospital open and significantly expand the number of health services provided. We would:

- **Increase the number of outpatient services** – where people visit a hospital for a diagnosis or treatment, but do not need to stay overnight. This means approximately 17,000 appointments could be provided each year in Feilding Palmer Hospital, that currently people must travel a long way to receive, including to Leicester. Over 25 branches of medicine covering a whole range of conditions could be diagnosed and treated. This includes conditions associated with skin, hearing, balance, eyes, mental health, reproduction, breathing, lungs and many more. This means shorter travel times and convenient parking close to the hospital, making it easy to access the building.

- **Provide more inpatient care (overnight stays) at home or in the place people call home.** People will be supported to avoid illness or a deterioration in their health. People living with a long-term conditions will be supported to manage their own care and avoid an urgent hospital admission. When there is a requirement for an urgent and immediate response this should be delivered by skilled specialists either in the patient's home or a community location.

"I want to live the best life I can, achieve my goals and live independently."

Where there has been a need for an acute hospital stay people will be returned home, where possible, or into a community facility, where they will be rehabilitated to give them every chance of recovery, returning to living independently. People who are sadly at the end of life would be supported at home, in a hospice or in a care home.

Get involved and have your say

**This public consultation
will run from Monday 23 October 2023
until 11.59pm on Sunday 14 January 2024.**

We want to know what you think about these proposals to improve health services.



Come along to one of our drop-in events.

Lutterworth Library, George Street, Lutterworth LE17 4ED

Drop-in sessions for support to complete the questionnaire
Every Thursday throughout the consultation, 10am – 1pm
(except 9 November, 28 December, and 4 January)

Lutterworth Sports Centre, Coventry Road, Lutterworth LE17 4RB

Drop-in session to ask questions or receive support to complete the questionnaire. Monday 6 November, 2pm – 7pm

Wycliffe Rooms (Main Hall), George Street, Lutterworth LE17 4ED

Drop-in session to ask questions or receive support to complete the questionnaire. Thursday 7 December, 10am – 2pm

Full details will be available on our website:

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Complete our questionnaire online:

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