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Dear Community Partner

It was good to meet with you recently and to have the opportunity to discuss and share thoughts on the *Fit for the Future* engagement.

The engagement is about having two way conversations and hearing everyone's ideas about what urgent and specialist hospital services should look like in the future.

In the spirit of openness and transparency, I thought it was important to make you aware of an Emergency and Acute Medicine workshop that is being held on 4 October. This is one of a number of topic related workshops being held and as you know, just one method we are using to engage with local people.

The role of the workshop is to involve a representative cross-section of the public in a 'balanced room' (i.e. no bias towards either public or clinical/operational points of view) in thinking about the need for change, potential solutions and appraisal criteria.

To support this approach, the public representatives have been invited by Healthwatch Gloucestershire and Inclusion Gloucestershire to ensure the group is reflective of the overall demographic of the county as a whole.

During the workshop, the group will gain a common understanding of the issues facing emergency and acute medicine, consider the need for change, provide feedback on this and debate what kind of things they think could be done to address the issues. No solutions will be presented – the focus of the discussion is on sharing ideas.

Finally, they will consider the factors that are most important to them in evaluating potential solutions. This will inform our appraisal criteria.

A report will be produced following the workshop which will be included in the overall Outcome of Engagement Report (this will be publicly available) and will be used in the development of potential solutions. Future features of the engagement process, which reflect our commitment to involvement and on-going transparency, include the Citizens' Jury and the solutions appraisal exercise in public.

I hope this update is helpful and is received in the spirit in which it is being sent.

Yours sincerely



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