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Public asked to help shape crisis house plans

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) is exploring ways to develop a 'crisis house' providing short-term, intensive support for people who need additional help during times of mental health crisis.

The Trust is seeking the views of patients and service users across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland on what this new service might look like.

The crisis house will form part of wider service development plans within LPT's adult mental health services which aim to increase access to timely and effective care in the community, avoiding unnecessary admissions to hospital.

Nationally, there are different types of crisis house operating – some offer support via telephone or a drop-in facility, others offer short overnight stays with intensive support.

LPT wants feedback from local people to help the Trust shape a model that will meet the needs of our local service users and patients.

You can find out more at an event on Thursday 17 July for people who use mental health services. The event, at Voluntary Action Leicester, starts at 5.30pm and places are available on a first come, first served basis. To book, telephone 0116 225 6637 or email

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Alternatively you can complete a survey. This can be done online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XD7FMYW>, via email by downloading a [feedback form](#) from www.leicspart.nhs.uk and emailing it to feedback@leicspart.nhs.uk, or via post, by printing, completing and mailing the completed form to: Crisis House, survey, LPT, FREEPOST RSUL-LSKC-AGJU. You can also requested a printed copy by ringing 0116 295 1658.

Responses will be used, along with feedback from a consultation event held in June 2013, to help inform plans for a crisis house. The deadline for responding is **Friday 18 July**.

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NOTES TO EDITORS Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and. Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £282 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk For further information contact: Sheila Ashton, communications manager, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, Tel: 0116 295 0042, E: sheila.ashton@leicspart.nhs.uk