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### LPT launches NHS Foundation Trust consultation

Today (1 February) sees the launch of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's 12-week public consultation about becoming an NHS Foundation Trust.

Our vision is to become an integrated Foundation Trust with a passion for quality and excellence.

We believe that becoming an NHS Foundation Trust will help us to improve how we meet the needs of local people and respond to their views.



As a NHS Foundation Trust we would remain part of the NHS, working to the same national standards as all other NHS service providers, and would continue to uphold the principles of the NHS Constitution, providing high quality care that's freely available according to need.

As an NHS Foundation Trust our staff, local people and stakeholders can become members and governors of our organisation and have a much greater say in the way that services are developed and delivered.

The Government expects all NHS Trusts in England to become NHS Foundation Trusts by the end of March 2014 or as soon as possible thereafter. All NHS Trusts will therefore either be required to become an NHS Foundation Trust or join an existing Foundation Trust.

Chief Executive John Short said: "We strongly believe that having community health, mental health and learning disability services delivered by a local, integrated NHS Foundation Trust with a strong track record of service delivery is of critical importance to local people. We are hoping to become a NHS Foundation Trust by the end of 2012.

“We are very excited about our proposals and are encouraging everyone with an interest in our services to have their say during the consultation period.

“People can have their say in person, by phone, fax, email, post or online up until 25 April 2012. We look forward to hearing from them.”

Consultation documents are being sent to GP practices, community hospitals, mental health inpatient units, as well as public libraries for people to pick up. They are also being sent to a wide range of individuals and organisations.

Consultation information is also available online at [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk)

A number of meetings where anyone can drop in, find out more and have their say are being held as follows:

- Wednesday 22 February, 10-11am at the Marlene Reid Centre, Belvoir Road, Coalville
- Thursday 1 March, 6-7pm at John Storer House, Wards End, Loughborough
- Friday 9 March, 6-7pm at Voluntary Action Rutland, Lands End Way, Oakham, Rutland
- Tuesday 13 March, 6-7pm at the Peepul Centre, Orchardson Avenue, Leicester
- Friday 16 March, 6-7pm at the Samworth Centre, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray
- Wednesday 21 March, 6-7pm at the Congregational Church Centre, High Street Market Harborough
- Friday 23 March, 2-3pm at Parklands Leisure Centre, Wigston Road, Oadby
- Tuesday 27 March, 6-7pm at the Leicestershire Scouts HQ, Winchester Road, Blaby
- Friday 20 April, 6-7pm at St Francis Community Centre, Tudor Road, Hinckley
- Tuesday 24 April, 10-11am at the Brite Centre, Braunstone Avenue, Leicester

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## Note to editors

1. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living in the city of Leicester and the neighbouring counties of Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million and has a budget in excess of £250 million and employs almost 6,000 staff. For more information visit [www.leicspart.nhs.uk/](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/)

**Our mission:** To advance health and wellbeing for you and your community

**Our vision:** To become an integrated Foundation Trust with a passion for quality and excellence

2. Our public consultation document is sent with this release.

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