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Hinckley & Bosworth residents views sought on Leicestershire NHS plans

Residents from Hinckley & Bosworth are being invited to drop in and talk to leaders from Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) about their plans to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

LPT provides community health, mental health and learning disability services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, including care on the wards at Hinckley & Bosworth Community Hospital as well as district and community services.

People can drop in on Friday 20 April, between 6-7pm at St Francis Community Centre, Tudor Road, Hinckley.

Partnership staff have held public meetings across Leicestershire throughout a 12-week public consultation which comes to an end on the 25th of this month.

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. 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 an NHS Foundation Trust the Partnership 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 staff, local people and stakeholders can become members and governors of the 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.

People can have their say in person, by phone, fax, email, post or online up until 25 April 2012.

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

Consultation information is also available online at www.leicspart.nhs.uk

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/

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

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