

IRP

Independent Reconfiguration Panel

*ADVICE ON PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO MATERNITY,
SPECIAL CARE BABY SERVICES AND INPATIENT
GYNAECOLOGY SERVICES IN EAST SUSSEX*

APPENDICES

Submitted to the Secretary of State for Health

31 JULY 2008

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Appendix One

Independent Reconfiguration Panel general terms of reference

The Independent Reconfiguration Panel is an advisory non-departmental public body. Its terms of reference are:

- A1. To provide expert advice on:
- Proposed NHS reconfigurations or significant service change;
 - Options for NHS reconfigurations or significant service change;
- referred to the Panel by Ministers.
- A2. In providing advice, the Panel will take account of:
- i. whether the proposals will ensure safe, sustainable and accessible services for the local population
 - ii. clinical and service quality, capacity and waiting times
 - iii. other national policies, for example, national service frameworks
 - iv. the rigour of consultation processes
 - v. the wider configuration of the NHS and other services locally, including likely future plans
 - vi. any other issues Ministers direct in relation to service reconfigurations generally or specific reconfigurations in particular.
- A3. The advice will normally be developed by groups of experts not personally involved in the proposed reconfiguration or service change, the membership of which will be agreed formally with the Panel beforehand.
- A4. The advice will be delivered within timescales agreed with the Panel by Ministers with a view to minimising delay and preventing disruption to services at local level.
- B1. To offer *pre-formal consultation* generic advice and support to NHS and other interested bodies on the development of local proposals for reconfiguration or significant service change – including advice and support on methods for public engagement and formal public consultation.
- C1. The effectiveness and operation of the Panel will be reviewed annually.

Appendix Two

Letter to The Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Health from Cllr S Tidy 31 March 2008

**East Sussex
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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The Right Honorable Alan Johnson MP
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31 March 2008

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Dear Secretary of State

East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee referral of East Sussex Downs and Weald and Hastings and Rother PCTs' 'Fit for the Future' proposals

I am writing on behalf of the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) to exercise the Committee's power to refer NHS proposals for substantial change to local health services to you for independent review.

From March to July 2007 the two Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in East Sussex – East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Hastings and Rother PCT – undertook consultation with the public and with HOSC on proposals to reconfigure maternity and related services provided by East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Trust currently provides consultant-led obstetrics, special baby care and inpatient gynaecology services at two sites – Eastbourne District General Hospital and the Conquest Hospital in Hastings. The PCTs' proposals involved providing these services from one of these sites only in the future, with the option of a midwife-led birthing unit being retained at the other site.

East Sussex HOSC undertook an extensive programme of evidence gathering in order to understand the clinical, staffing and access issues as fully as possible, and to hear the views of the public and stakeholders. Over the course of five main evidence gathering meetings, HOSC took evidence from obstetricians, paediatricians, midwives, GPs, National Childbirth Trust branches, Patient and Public Involvement Forums, campaign groups, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal College of Midwives and a number of other stakeholders. HOSC also commissioned a review of key national evidence on maternity services from the Office for Public Management.

HOSC submitted a report to the PCTs in October 2007 which made a series of recommendations about issues the PCTs should consider when coming to a decision. HOSC's key recommendation was that several new options which had arisen through the consultation process, including some which retained services on two sites, should be fully assessed before the PCTs came to a decision.

In December 2007, the PCTs took the decision to proceed with one of their original options – to consolidate consultant-led services in Hastings with a midwife-led birthing unit in Eastbourne. The PCTs also accepted all HOSC's recommendations as conditions of their decision. Whilst HOSC welcomes the PCTs' acceptance of the recommendations, the Committee has heard evidence which leaves it unconvinced that its key recommendation, that the PCTs assess the potential alternative options, has been fulfilled.

In addition, based on the evidence collected throughout the process, HOSC has outstanding concerns about the safety of the PCTs' decision and the detrimental impact on access for many East Sussex women and their families. In January 2008, HOSC therefore determined that the PCTs' decision is not in the best interests of the health service for East Sussex residents for the following reasons:

1. The divergence of clinical opinion on what configuration of maternity and obstetric services will be best for the residents of East Sussex.
2. Evidence that longer travel times to the obstetric unit could endanger the safety of women and babies.
3. Evidence that the distance of the midwife-led unit from the consultant-led unit could create undue risk to the safety of women and babies and questions over whether this is the best configuration for midwife-led care.
4. A lack of convincing evidence that patient outcomes will be improved with a single site configuration for consultant-led care.
5. Evidence that there may be a reduction in women's choice owing to the coastal location of both sites, the population distribution in East Sussex and the proposed configuration of services; all of which may be compounded in areas where there is significant deprivation.
6. Evidence that possible alternatives which could maintain services on two sites may not have been fully explored and considered.

HOSC supported the PCTs' decision to improve ante and post-natal care and associated outreach services as there is strong evidence that this is in the best interests of health services for East Sussex residents. This aspect of the PCTs decision is specifically excluded from this referral and indeed HOSC has urged the PCTs to make rapid progress on these improvements.

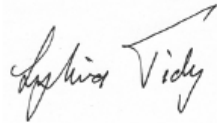
Since HOSC's decision, the PCTs have made it clear that they do not share the Committee's concerns and intend to proceed with the implementation of their decision. HOSC has concluded that independent review of the decision through referral to you, and the advice you will seek from the Independent Reconfiguration Panel, is the best way to ensure fair consideration of all the options for the future of these services.

I enclose further details of the committee's concerns as outlined above and a copy of HOSC's report which explains the context and issues in detail, as well as summarising the extensive evidence gathered by HOSC to inform its decision.

HOSC is not against change where it is necessary, and in its report the Committee recognises that there are real pressures facing the services which require them to change in some way. However, HOSC is firmly of the view that the PCTs' decision does not represent the right solution for the particular needs of East Sussex communities and there are potential alternatives which should be fully and independently considered. East Sussex HOSC therefore urges you to request that the Independent Reconfiguration Panel undertakes a full review of the proposals at the earliest opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Sylvia Tidy
Chairman
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

cc:

Cllr John Barnes, Chairman, East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT
Charles Everett, Chairman, Hastings and Rother PCT
Nick Yeo, Chief Executive, East Sussex Downs and Weald/Hastings and Rother PCTs
Graham Eccles, Chairman, NHS South East Coast
Candy Morris, Chief Executive, NHS South East Coast

Enclosures:

- Table of evidence supporting East Sussex HOSC's referral of East Sussex PCTs 'Fit for the Future' proposals, East Sussex HOSC, March 2008
- Response to East Sussex PCTs on 'Creating an NHS Fit for the Future', East Sussex HOSC report, October 2007

**Letter to Dr Peter Barrett, Chair, Independent Reconfiguration Panel,
from The Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Health,
13 May 2008**

*From the Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP
Secretary of State for Health*



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13 MAY 2008

Dear Peter

Referral of the decision by the East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Hastings and Rother PCT to reconfigure maternity and related services provided by East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust.

Thank you for completing an initial assessment of the documentation relating to the referral from the East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the East Sussex Downs & Weald and Hastings & Rother PCTs Fit for the Future proposals to reconfigure maternity and related services provided by East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust. Your letter of 29 April states that the IRP would be willing to undertake a full review of the proposals as set out in the referral and I would be grateful if this could commence with immediate effect.

Annex A sets out Terms of Reference for the review.

The panel's advice to me on this case should be provided in accordance with these Terms of Reference. I look forward to receiving your advice.

*Yours sincerely
Alan*

ALAN JOHNSON

Cc:
Candy Morris, CE, NHS South East Coast
Nick Yeo, CE, East Sussex Downs & Weald Primary Care Trust and Hastings & Rother Primary Care Trust



Kim Hodgson, CE, East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust
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Mark Britnell, Director General, Commissioning, DH
Jo Lenaghan, Chief Adviser to David Nicholson
Nigel Waterson MP for Eastbourne
Norman Baker MP for Lewes
Charles Hendry MP for Wealden
Gregory Barker MP for Bexhill and Rye
Michael Foster MP for Hastings and Rye



Annex A

Referral of the decision by the East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Hastings and Rother PCT to reconfigure maternity and related services provided by East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust.

Terms of reference

The panel is asked to advise the Secretary of State by 31 July 2008:

- a) whether it is of the opinion that the proposals for the reconfiguration of maternity and specialist baby care and inpatient gynaecology services provided by East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust will ensure the provision of safe, sustainable and accessible services for local people, and if not, why not;
- b) on any other observations the Panel may wish to make in relation to the proposals; and
- c) on how to proceed in the interests of local people, in light of (a) and (b) above and taking into account the HOSC's referral letter of 31 March 2008.

It is understood that in formulating its advice the Panel will pay due regard to the principles set out in the IRP's general terms of reference.

**Letter to The Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Health
from Dr Peter Barrett 5 June 2008**

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5 June 2008

Dear Secretary of State

**Referral of the decision by the East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT and Hastings
and Rother PCT to reconfigure maternity and related services provided by East
Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust**

Thank you for your letter of 13 May about the above.

I am happy to confirm that the Independent Reconfiguration Panel will provide advice in accordance with the terms of reference set out in your letter and, as requested, by 31 July 2008.

The Panel has begun visiting the area. As usual, we are meeting people and hearing views from all sides of the debate.

As you know, in keeping with our commitment to open and transparent working, we will be publishing our advice on the IRP website.

Yours sincerely

Dr Peter Barrett CBE
Chair, Independent Reconfiguration Panel

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Appendix Three

Letter to Editors from Dr Peter Barrett, Chair, IRP

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14 May 2008

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IRP: Have your say on health review

Dear Editor

The IRP, the independent expert on NHS service change, has been asked by the Secretary of State for Health to carry out a review relating to contested proposals for changes to maternity and related services in East Sussex.

As part of our review, we would like to hear from local people who feel that they have new information that was not submitted during the formal consultation process or believe that their voice has not been heard. Please contact us by email at: info@irpanel.org.uk or by calling **020 7389 8055**.

The referral to the IRP relates to the proposals by East Sussex Downs & Weald and Hastings & Rother PCTs to reconfigure maternity, specialist baby care and gynaecology services provided by East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust.

Our review will look at whether the proposals will ensure the provision of safe, sustainable and accessible services for local people.

Over the coming months, we will be undertaking a number of visits to the area to talk to patients, clinicians, local authority representatives, interest groups and people living and working in the area who believe they have new evidence that the IRP should take into account.

It is important that our reviews are open and accountable to local communities. We will therefore publish our conclusions on our website - www.irpanel.org.uk - once they have been considered by the Secretary of State for Health.

Yours sincerely

Dr Peter Barrett CBE
Chair, IRP

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Appendix Four

Site visits, meetings and conversations held

8 May 2008

IRP Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick, John Parkes, Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin

Site visits

Crowborough Birthing Unit

The Conquest Hospital - Maternity Ward, Buchanan Delivery Suite, Gynaecology Ward, SCBU, Gynaecology outpatients

9 May 2008

IRP Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick, John Parkes, Paul Watson, Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin, Martin Houghton

Site visits

Eastbourne District General Hospital - Littlington Maternity Ward, Delivery suite, Gynaecology Ward, SCBU, Gynaecology outpatients

Evidence gathering sessions - Congress Suite, Eastbourne

Mr David Mallet, Assistant Director Fit for the Future, SECSHA

Dr Yvonne Doyle, Regional Director of Public Health and Medical Director, SECSHA

Ms Marianne Griffiths, Director of Commissioning and Delivery, SECSHA

Ms Sue Webb, Director of Clinical Quality and Workforce Development, SECSHA

Mr Charles Everett, Chair, Hastings and Rother PCT

Mr John Barnes, Chair, East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT

Ms Lisa Compton, Director of Patient and Public Engagement and Corporate Affairs, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT

Dr Diana Grice, Public Health, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT

Mr Nick Yeo, Chief Executive, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT

Mr Michael Wilson, FFF Programme Director, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT

5 June 2008

IRP Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick, Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin, Martin Houghton

Evidence gathering sessions - Cooden Beach Hotel, Bexhill-on-Sea

Mr Rob Seaber, member of the public

Mr Gary and Jacqueline Moore, members of the public

Ms Zephyr Grayland, English in the Community representative

Manocher Torabi-Pour, English in the Community representative

Agnieszka Diffenbach, Polskie Eastbourne

Ms Liz Walke, Chair, Save the DGH (Eastbourne) *informal discussion*

Ms Margaret Williams, Chair – Hands off the Conquest *informal discussion*

6 June 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick, John Parkes,
Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin, Martin Houghton**

Evidence gathering sessions - Kings Centre, St Leonards

Ms Irene Dibben, Chair, ESHT
Ms Kim Hodgson, Chief Executive, ESHT
Ms David Philliskirk, Director of Estates and Facilities, ESHT
Ms Judith Clabby, Director of Corporate Services, ESHT
Ms Jane Morris, Deputy Director of Clinical Strategy & Service Development, ESHT
Ms Jane Hentley, Chief Nurse ESHT
Dr Harry Walmsley, Clinical Director for Anaesthetics ESHT
Cllr Sylvia Tidy Chair, ESHOSC
Cllr David Rodgers Vice Chair, ESHOSC
Ms Claire Lee, Scrutiny Lead Officer ESHOSC
Ms Vanessa Attrell, Manager, Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Medway Perinatal Network
Dr Philip Amess, Clinical lead Surrey and Sussex – Perinatal Network
Mr Richard Peters, Director of Community and Well Being, Hastings Borough Council
Mr Richard Hallett, Joint Chair MSLC
Ms Ros Vinal, Joint Chair MSLC

10 June 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick**

Telephone conversation

Professor Stephen Field, Chair, New Options Assessment Panel and Chairman of Royal College of General Practitioners

12 June 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick, Paul Watson
Richard Jeavons (from 18.30), Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin**

Evidence gathering sessions - Kings Centre, St Leonards

Mr David Lowe, Director of Human Resources ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Mr Michael Wilson, FFF Programme Director ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Ms Moira Stowell, Deputy Director Human Resources, ESHT
Mr Sean Mitchell, Paramedic Practitioner, SECamb
Ms Debra Young, Head of Midwifery, ESHT
Mr Jamal Zaidi, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and Clinical Director Women's Health, ESHT
Mr Geraint Davies, Director of Corporate Affairs and Service Development, SECamb
Ms Helen O'Dell, Consultant LSA Midwifery Officer, South East Coast Local Supervising Authority
Dr Greg Wilcox, GP, Chair Hastings and Rother PEC
Dr Matthew Thomas, GP, Hastings and Rother PEC

Mr Charles Everett, Chair, Hastings and Rother PCT
Mr John Barnes, Chair, East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT
Ms Lisa Compton, Director of Patient and Public Engagement and Corporate Affairs, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Dr Diana Grice, Public Health, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Mr Nick Yeo, Former Chief Executive, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Mr Michael Wilson, FFF Programme Director, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Ms Vanessa Harris, Interim Chief Executive ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Ms Lynne Regent, Director of Development ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Cllr Sylvia Tidy, ESHOSC Chairman
Cllr Beryl Healy, ESHOSC member
Cllr Barry Taylor, ESHOSC member
Cllr Angharad Davies, ESHOSC member (Rother DC representative)
Cllr Diane Philips, ESHOSC member (Wealden DC representative)
Cllr Eve Martin, ESHOSC member (Hastings BC representative)
Ms Claire Lee, Scrutiny Lead Officer ESCC
Ms Angela Reid, Head of Legal Services, ESCC
Ms Margaret Williams, Chair – Hands off the Conquest Campaign
Mr Mark Parris, Member Hands off the Conquest Campaign
Mr Nick Perry, Liberal Democrat and Parliamentary campaigner for Hastings and Rye
Ms Susie Cullens, Member of Hands off the Conquest Campaign

Evening Drop in staff session I – The Conquest Hospital, Hastings

13 June 2008

**IRP Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick, John Parkes, Paul Watson, Nick Naftalin
Richard Jeavons, Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin**

Evidence gathering sessions - EDGH Social Club, Eastbourne

Dr Vincent Argent, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
Dr John Clarke, GP
Ms Liz Walke, Chair Save the DGH Campaign (Eastbourne)
Mrs Monica Corrina-Kavakli, Save the DGH Campaign
Dr Simon Eyre, Chair East Sussex Downs and Weald PEC
Cllr Angharad Davies, Rother District Council
Brenda Mason, Head of Policy and Performance, Rother District Council
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Dr Tracey Ward, Consultant Paediatrician The Conquest Hospital, ESHT
Dr John Mitchell, Consultant Paediatrician EDGH, ESHT
Dr Muhammad Nassar, Consultant Paediatrician The Conquest Hospital, ESHT
Dr Elizabeth Wearmouth, Consultant Paediatrician EDGH, ESHT
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Dr Ian Reeve, Consultant Anaesthetist (Obstetrics), The Conquest Hospital, ESHT
Dr Andrew Slater, Deputy Clinical Director for Anaesthetics, The Conquest Hospital, ESHT
Dr Harry Walmsley, Clinical Director for Anaesthetics, ESHT
Ms Jane Sumner, Directorate Nurse, Children's Services, ESHT
Ms Judi Byatt-Hawkins, Senior Sister, SCBU EDGH, ESHT
Ms Julie Sayer, Acting Ward Manager, SCBU, The Conquest Hospital, ESHT
Ms Jan Tester, Sister, SCBU, EDGH, ESHT
Ms Carolyn Croke, Staff Nurse, SCBU, EDGH, ESHT
Ms Sarah Saxby, Ward Clerk SCBU, ESHT
Ms Suzie Cullen, Nursery Nurse, The Conquest Hospital, ESHT

Ms Alison Newby, Maternity Matters Facilitator, Perinatal MH Specialist Midwife, ESHT
Ms Debra Young, Head of Midwifery, ESHT
Ms Linda Morris, Midwife EDGH, ESHT
Ms Tina Hanson, Midwife, Crowborough Birthing Unit, ESHT
Ms Gayle Clarke, Specialist Midwife EDGH, ESHT
Ms Catherine O'Callaghan, Lecturer Practitioner Midwifery for Hastings and Eastbourne
Ms Margaret Gaudry, Midwife EDGH, ESHT
Mr Jamal Zaidi, Clinical Director, Women's Health, ESHT
Mr David Chui, Deputy Clinical Director, Women's Health, ESHT
Ms Lorraine Lea, Senior General Manager Women and Children's Services, ESHT
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Mr Jamal Zaidi, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Clinical Director Women's Health, ESHT
Mr David Chui, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, EDGH, ESHT
Mr Mark Malak, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, EDGH, ESHT
Mr Dexter Pascall, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Conquest Hospital, ESHT
Mr Adeoye Soyemi, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, EDGH, ESHT

19 June 2008

**IRP Nicky Hayes, Peter Barrett, Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin
Chris Howgrave-Graham (from 2pm)**

Evidence gathering sessions - EDGH Boardroom, Eastbourne

Dr Simon Eyre, Chair, East Sussex Downs and Weald PEC
Dr Mark Gaffney, GP, member East Sussex Downs and Weald PEC
Dr Matthew Bell, GP, member East Sussex Downs and Weald PEC
Ms Paula Smith, Clinical Matron and General Manager, ESHT
Ms Heather Hartell, Senior Sister Women's Health, ESHT
Mr Stephen Lloyd, **Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Spokesman Eastbourne & Willingdon constituency**
Dr David Scott, Medical Director, ESHT
Councillor Carolyn Lambert, Lewes District Council
Mr Mark Wiltshire, Environmental Health Manager, Lewes District Council
Dr Geoff Leece
Ms Mary Claire Deane, Director of Community Services, Wealden District Council
CLlr Ron Cussons, Lead member for the Community includes Public Health, Wealden District Council
Dr J Leach, Public Health Development Manager Wealden District Council
Mr Ian Hunt, Non Executive Director, ESHT
Ms Kim Hodgson, Chief Executive, ESHT
Ms Debra Young, Head of Midwifery ESHT
Dr David Scott, Medical Director ESHT
Mr Charles Everett, Chair, Hastings and Rother PCT
Mr John Barnes, Chair, East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT
Ms Lisa Compton, Director of Patient and Public Engagement and Corporate Affairs ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Dr Diana Grice, Public Health, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Mr Nick Yeo, Former Chief Executive, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Mr Michael Wilson, FFF Programme Director, ESDWPCT and H&RPCT
Mr David Mallet, Assistant Director Fit for the Future, SECSHA
Dr Yvonne Doyle, Regional Director of Public Health and Medical Director, SECSHA
Ms Sue Webb, Director of Clinical Quality and Workforce Development, SECSHA

Mr Neil Fuller, Director of Housing, Health & Community Services, Eastbourne Borough Council

Cllr David Tutt, Leader of the Eastbourne Borough Council

Cllr Sandie Howlett, Opposition Cabinet Portfolio, Eastbourne Borough Council

Ms Penny Shearer, Economic Development Manager, Eastbourne Borough Council

Dr John Clarke, GP

Dr Matt Jackson, GP

Dr Dan Elliott, GP

Dr Paul Holmes, GP

Dr M Evason, GP

Early evening Drop in staff session II – EDGH, Eastbourne

20 June 2008

IRP **John Parkes, Peter Barrett (am), Chris Howgrave-Graham
Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin**

Evidence gathering sessions - Kings Centre, St Leonards

Ms Sue Talbot, Acting Head, Early Years, ESCC

Mr Walter James, Vice Chairman, ESDWPPIF (replaced 1 April by LINK)

Ms Sarah Lozinski, Mother from Women's Focus Group and MSLC

Ms Alison Newby, Maternity Matters Facilitator, Perinatal MH Specialist Midwife, ESHT

Ms Wendy Beechward, Women's Focus Group and MSLC

Rt Revd Wallace Benn, Anglican Bishop of Lewes, Area Bishop for East Sussex

Ms Jan Humber, Staff Side Forum Chair

Ms Tricia Mayo, RCM Steward Eastbourne

Site visit

Hastings East Children's Centre, Chiltern Drive

7th July 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Maureen Larkin**

Portcullis House, Westminster

Mr Norman Baker MP, Member of Parliament for Lewes

Mr Michael Foster MP, Member of Parliament for Hastings and Rye

8 July 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Peter Barrett, Cath Broderick, John Parkes,
Iain Henderson**

The Park Inn Hotel, London

Candy Morris, Chief Executive, South East Coast SHA

9 July 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Cath Broderick, Fiona Campbell
Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin**

Evidence gathering sessions - International Lawn Tennis Centre, Eastbourne

Councillor Alex Hough, Member ESHOSC (Eastbourne Borough Council)
Councillor Colin Belsey, Eastbourne Borough Council
Dr Melanie Liebenberg, Consultant Paediatrician EDGH, ESHT
Dr Tracey Ward, Consultant Paediatrician The Conquest Hospital, ESHT
Dr Padmani de Silva, Consultant Paediatrician EDGH, ESHT
Mrs Monica Corrina-Kavakli, Save the DGH Campaign
Dr Matt Jackson, GP Clinical Lead Hailsham Cluster of GPs
Dr V Singh, GP
Dr W Kloth, GP
Dr Guy Baker, GP
Dr John Clarke, GP
Dr Vincent Argent, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist
Dr Geoff Leece
Mr Richard Hallet, Joint Chair MSLC
Mrs Scarlett McNally, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, EDGH, ESHT
Miss Nicole Roberts, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Labour ward lead, EDGH, ESHT
Dr Jeremy Davies, Consultant Anaesthetist with a special interest in obstetrics, ESHT

11 July 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Iain Henderson, Maureen Larkin**

Telephone conversation

Dr Hugh Nicholson, GP, Vice Chair BMA Southern Regional Council

15 July 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes, Maureen Larkin**

House of Commons

Mr Nigel Waterson MP, Member of Parliament for Eastbourne, Willingdon and East Dean
Mr Gregory Barker MP, Member of Parliament for Bexhill and Battle

14 July 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes**

Telephone conversation

Dr Keith Brent, Consultant Paediatrician, EDGH, ESHT

18 July 2008

IRP **Nicky Hayes**

Telephone conversation

Mr Charles Hendry MP, Member of Parliament for Wealdon

Abbreviations used in this report

EDGH	Eastbourne District General Hospital
ESCC	East Sussex County Council
ESDWPCT	East Sussex Downs and Weald Primary Care Trust
ESDWPIF	East Sussex Downs and Weald Public and Patient Involvement Forum
ESHOSC	East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
ESHT	East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust
GP	General Practitioner
H&RPCT	Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust
LINK	Local Involvement Network
MSLC	Maternity Services Liaison Committee
PEC	Professional Executive Committee
RCM	Royal College of Midwives
SCBU	Special Care Baby Unit
SECamb	South East Coast Ambulance Services NHS Trust
SECSHA	South East Coast Strategic Health Authority

Appendix Five**Information made available to the Panel****Supporting papers**

1.	Map of East Sussex
2.	Creating an NHS Fit for Future Consultation Document
3.	Creating an NHS Fit for Future Consultation Document Summary
4.	Letters between HOSC (03.03.08) and ES PCT (20.02.08)
5.	HOSC Statement (28.01.08)
6.	HOSC Referral letter 31.03.08
7.	HOSC supporting evidence 31.03.08
8.	HOSC Consultation Response (Oct 07)
9.	East Sussex Map (detailed)
10.	Brief Outline of Proposals
11.	SHA Additional Briefing for IRP
12.	Timeline Diary of Events
13.	Fit For The Future Public Consultation – Non Financial Option Appraisal, Nov 07
14.	Transcript of Joint Committee Meeting of ESDWPCT and H&RPCT 20.12.07
15.	Letter from N Yeo re HOSC referral decision 30.01.08
16.	Initial IRP advice letter 29.04.08
17.	HOSC suggested witnesses
18.	District and Borough Background
19.	Boundary Map of East Sussex 2002/3 wards
20.	Boundary Map of East Sussex - districts
21.	Boundary Map of East Sussex - main settlements
22.	Indices of Deprivation 2007
23.	Minutes 23.03.07 – ESHOSC Fit For the Future Evidence Gathering Sessions
24.	Letter to Hastings & Rother PCT from Hastings Borough Council
25.	East Sussex Maternity Services – Review of Costings, December 2007
26.	Maternity Services Health Impact Assessment, 12.11.07
27.	Maternity Services Health Impact Assessment Maternity Services East Sussex Epidemiological Needs Assessment Appendix 1
28.	Maternity Services Health Impact Assessment – Maternity Deprivation Key Slides, Appendix 2, 6.11.07
29.	Alternative Models Project Report
30.	Public Consultation in East Sussex (Spring 2007): An appraisal of the NHS public consultation process, September 2007
31.	East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust – Letter to N Yeo, East Sussex PCT 08.06.07
32.	Floor Plans (Option 1&2) Eastbourne DGH – alternative layout
33.	Floor Plans (Options 1&2) Eastbourne DGH layout
34.	Floor Plans (Option 2) Conquest midwifery layout
35.	Floor Plans (Option 3&4) Conquest site
36.	Floor Plans (Option 4) Eastbourne Midwifery layout
37.	Floor Plan Conquest existing layout
38.	Floor Plan Eastbourne DGH existing layout
39.	Maternity Obstetric Costings 03.12.07
40.	PCTs Joint Committee Meeting Agenda 20.12.07
41.	PCTs Joint Committee Minutes of Meeting 16.03.07
42.	Joint Committee process of conduct for business Sept 2007
43.	List of papers of relevance to the Consultation 20.12.07
44.	Key Consultation Trends Report 20.12.07
45.	PCT Response to HOSC Recommendations 20.12.07
46.	Communications and Engagement Plan Appendix B 20.12.07
47.	Communications and Engagement Plan Appendix C 20.12.07
48.	Consultation Engagement Programme 20.12.07
49.	Stakeholder List Appendix A 20.12.07
50.	PCT Chief Executive's Report on outcome of Consultation 20.12.07
51.	Minutes HOSC meeting 30.11.07

52.	HOSC Meeting Agenda 28.01.08
53.	Paper for HOSC decision making meeting 28.01.08 Fit For the Future – PCTs decision and response to HOSC
54.	Fit For the Future (Annexes 1-6)
55.	HOSC decision making meeting 28.01.08 Fit For the Future Appendix 1 PCT Chief Executive's Report
56.	HOSC decision making meeting 28.01.08 Fit For the Future Appendix 2 Draft Minutes PCT Board 20 December 07
57.	HOSC decision making meeting 28.01.08 Fit For the Future Appendix 3 PCTs Response on HOSC Recommendations
58.	HOSC decision making meeting 28.01.08 Fit For the Future Appendix 4 Assessment of Alternative Options
59.	ESHOSC Paper 28.01.08 Agenda Item 6 Fit For the Future – Assessment of Alternative Proposals
60.	Appendix 2 Letter to Alternative Option Proposers to submit evidence to HOSC meeting 28.01.08
61.	Alternative Option Proposers evidence to HOSC meeting 28.01.08 Appendix 3 Liz Walke and M Williams Option 5
62.	Alternative Option Proposers evidence to HOSC meeting 28.01.08 Appendix 4 Dr Chui and Dr Elias Options 6&7
63.	Alternative Option Proposers evidence to HOSC meeting 28.01.08 Appendix 5 Dr G Leece Options 10&11
64.	Alternative Option Proposers evidence to HOSC meeting 28.01.08 Appendix 6 R Hallet Option 12
65.	Appendix 7 HOSC Email to East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust to submit evidence to 28.01.08 meeting
66.	Appendix 7 East Sussex Healthcare Trust Response to invitation to submit evidence to HOSC meeting 28.01.08
67.	Alternative Option Proposers evidence Appendix 8 Dr Keith Brent
68.	HOSC 28.01.08 Meeting Agenda Item 7 Paper Fit For the Future – HOSC consideration of PCTs' decision
69.	Extra Papers (Dr Simon Eyre Letter) – HOSC Decision Making Meeting 28.01.08
70.	IRP Letter to Editors 14.05.08
71.	SHA Evidence presented 09.05.08
72.	South East Coast Ambulance Travel Times (James Pavey 09.06.08)
73.	East Sussex HOSC Annual Report 2007
74.	S McNally – personal letter 13.01.08 to Nick Yeo
75.	Keith Brent extra paper Consultant availability out-of-hours
76.	Keith Brent extra paper Reconfiguration Costings & Related Issues
77.	Keith Brent extra paper – Issues from 5 th November meeting
78.	Keith Brent extra paper – Letter to SHA
79.	CEMACH Report 2003-2005 (Confidential Enquiry into Maternal & Child Health)
80.	Indices of Deprivation 2007 Briefing Note – January 08
81.	Mrs S McNally and Consultants Email to HOSC 28.01.08
82.	Dr G Leece Letter to non-execs of Joint Committee 16.12.07
83.	Letter from Mr & Mrs Cormey to HOSC
84.	P Cox paper PPIFs view
85.	Meeting Transcripts 09.05.08
86.	Terms of Reference Letter from Secretary of State 13.05.08
87.	Joint PCTs presentation to IRP 30.04.08
88.	Email from Walter James submitting evidence 20.05.08
89.	Stakeholder Event
90.	RCOG Meetings Notes HOSC paper to 25.07.07 meeting
91.	PPIF Report of 20.12.07 meeting of Joint Committee
92.	PPI Forum – Consultation Response
93.	Maternity Services stakeholder event statement
94.	English in the Community document – Organisational Chart
95.	Migrant Workers Research Group Report
96.	English in the Community Student Profiles
97.	EITC Survey of Migrants in Eastbourne 2007

98.	English in the Community Brochure
99.	Notes from Migrant Health Meeting
100.	Expected outcomes from course
101.	Trust Presentation to IRP 06.06.08
102.	New Options Assessment Panel – Final Report (Professor S Field) 20.07.07
103.	New Options Assessment Panel – Addendum 18.09.07
104.	Email Evidence from Monica Corrina-Kavakli
105.	Written Evidence email submitted by Dr G Leece
106.	Comments - Chief Executive's PCTs Recommendations Final Draft 1
107.	Comments on Summary Consultation Document Final Draft 1
108.	Evidence from Uckfield and Hathfield NCT – Alison Ledward to IRP
109.	Email from Melanie Liebenberg and attached evidence
110.	Letter to IRP June 08 from ESHT Consultant Paediatricians
111.	Minutes of Meeting with PCT and senior staff from Paediatric Directorate 21.09.07
112.	Letter to Mr Yeo
113.	Letter from ESHT 17.06.08 (from Chairman of Medical Advisory Committee, Conquest)
114.	Evidence from J Leach, Walden District Council 19.06.08
115.	Additional Evidence from J Leach 20.06.08
116.	Evidence from N Fuller, Eastbourne Borough Council, PCT FFF consultation response July 07
117.	Eastbourne Borough Council evidence notes to IRP 19.06.08
118.	ESHT response to IRP on Consultant Obstetrician levels 11.06.08
119.	Dr V Argent, Consultant Obstetrician, Powerpoint Presentation to IRP 13.06.08
120.	Dr V Argent, Synopsis of new evidence for IRP 13.06.08
121.	Dr V Argent, Safe Births: Everybody's Business, King's Fund Report IRP evidence 13.06.08
122.	Dr V Argent, NHSLA Obstetric Claims IRP evidence 13.06.08
123.	Dr V Argent, EofE SHA, Towards the best together IRP evidence 13.06.08
124.	Dr V Argent, Airwaves release on traffic IRP evidence 13.06.08
125.	Dr V Argent Evidence – Difficulty recruiting middle grade doctors 04.07.08
126.	Dr V Argent Evidence – Doctor recruitment in Excel format 04.07.08
127.	Dr V Argent Evidence – Ambulance travel times 04.07.08
128.	Dr V Argent Evidence – Population Access Factor 07.07.08
129.	Dr V Argent Evidence – Consultant availability 30 minute standard 15.07.08
130.	Dr V Argent Evidence – Reduction in Consultants in East Sussex 15.07.08
131.	Dr J Clarke, Expert Working Group Synopsis 13.06.08
132.	Transcripts – 5 th & 6 th June and 12 th & 13 th June 2008
133.	Liz Walke – Sequence of Events Summary 16.06.08
134.	ESHT Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Letter to HOSC 04.02.08
135.	Presentation Fit for the Future – A local Solution to Health Care Needs in Obstetrics – Dr Harry Walmsley ESHT
136.	Comments from Brian Valentine 20.06.08
137.	Brian Valentine – Evidence Part 2 to 4
138.	Michael Parris – Evidence on Accessibility for family and friends 20.06.08
139.	Walter James Evidence 22.06.08
140.	Walter James Evidence Part 2 & 3 22.06.08
141.	Transcription of Meetings 19.06.08 and 20.06.08
142.	Letter from Norman Baker MP to IRP 26.06.08
143.	Ambulance Transfer to Eastbourne Maternity Nov 06-Oct 07 (James Pavey)
144.	EuroRAP Press Release on High Risk Roads 30.06.08 (Liz Walke)
145.	EuroRAP Tables 1 & 2 High Risk Roads
146.	Local Supervising Authority Midwifery Officer's Annual Report SEC 06/07
147.	LSA Report Appendices
148.	Slide Presentation to IRP by Rother District Council, Brenda Mason, Head of Policy and Performance
149.	RCOG Report on Future of Small Maternity Units – May 2008
150.	Dr G Leece "If I was DPH" 04.07.08
151.	Letter to IRP from East Sussex Expert Working Group 03.07.08
152.	Report of Expert Working Group June 08
153.	Towards Better Births: A review of maternity services in England – Healthcare Commission
154.	Children's and maternity services in 2009: working time solutions – RCOG/RCPCH (July 2008)

155.	Acute Healthcare Services: Report of a working party – Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (Sept 2007)
156.	Safer Childbirth – RCOG, RCM, RCA, RCPCH
157.	Revised demographic projections, Sarah Boughton, East Sussex County Council 07
158.	Option 5 - Saving Lives – Save the DGH, Hands off the Conquest
159.	Option 6 & 7 – Letter to Nick Yeo from David Chui
160.	Option 10 & 11 Answers to questions posed by Boards– Dr G Leece 02.11.07
161.	Dr G Leece Letter to Mr Yeo 24.06.07
162.	Dr G Leece – what effect does the size of a maternity unit have on quality of care?
163.	Dr G Leece – Scatter diagram: number of deliveries against quality scores
164.	Dr G Leece – Scatter diagram: deliveries in consultant units against quality scores
165.	Dr G Leece – Evidence to IRP prior to meeting 19.06.08 (hard copy only)
166.	Paper by Dr Keith Brent 14.08.07
167.	Option 12 New Ways of working for local maternity care
168.	Option 13 Proposals clarifications
169.	East Sussex Public Reference Group – review of consultation process
170.	Programme Assurance Review for SHA 05.02.07
171.	PCTs briefing on RCOG document on small units
172.	ESHT unplanned closures 0607 & 0708
173.	Making It Better for Children and Young Babies
174.	Maternity Matters
175.	Making it Better for Mother and Baby
176.	RCOG Report on future of small units
177.	Patient flows briefing for IRP from Michael Wilson, PCTs
178.	Sustainable services for Surrey and Sussex - Report
179.	Flows base on travel times
180.	Options ready reckoner
181.	BJM article on sever obstetric morbidity 05.05.01
182.	Clinical Workshop Notes 01.11.06, 14.11.06 & 03.01.07
183.	East Sussex PCTs Fit for the Future: Background to developing a clinical strategy
184.	Guide to ESCFC demographic projection model
185.	SEC specialised commissioning group letter 05.07.07
186.	Clinical Indicators, Dr Diana Grice 26.11.07
187.	Maternity Services for East Sussex – epidemiological needs assessment
188.	Creating an NHS FFF – discussion document May 06 Surrey and Sussex
189.	Risk factors for deliveries 2006/2007
190.	Settings of Care for CLG 18.10.06
191.	Developing a Clinical Strategy Settings of Care, ESHT paper
192.	New Options Assessment Panel Terms of Reference
193.	New Options Assessment Panel Minutes of 15.05.07 / 27.06.07 / 10.07.07
194.	MSLC Option 12 Presentation to IRP June 2008
195.	MSLC Written Presentation – new ways of working
196.	MSLC Chairs Meeting 06.06.08
197.	East Sussex MSLC Recommendations for Consultation, March 2007
198.	East Sussex Epidemiological Needs Assessment
199.	East Sussex MSLC overview to the IRP June 2008
200.	A Chronology of single site focus in East Sussex
201.	R Seaber – Evidence submitted to IRP 30/31.05.08
202.	Crowborough Birthing Centre – leaflet
203.	North St Leonard’s Children’s Centres: Sure Start – leaflet
204.	Hands off the Conquest Campaign Group – evidence to IRP 12.06.08
205.	Evidence provided by ESHT Women’s Health Directorate - response to IRP, June 2008
206.	ESHT Job Description consultant O&G ESHT
207.	Save the DGH Campaign and Joint proposer of Option 5, evidence to IRP 13.06.08
208.	ESHT Womens’ Directorate – background research (various) including activity data
209.	Evidence provided by Mrs S McNally 19.06.08
210.	Evidence provided by Dr Imad Boles, Neonatal Lead, Eastbourne DGH 13.06.08
211.	Evidence provided by Nigel Waterson MP for Eastbourne, Willingdon and East Dean 26.07.08
212.	Evidence submitted by Dr Hugh Nicholson, Vice Chair, Southern Regional Council, BMA

213.	Transcript – ESD and Weald PCT 09.05.08
214.	Transcript – ESD and Weald PCT 9 th July Event
215.	Email and hard copy evidence submitted by Mrs S McNally 09.07.08
216.	Dr Keith Brent evidence submitted on 28.07.08
217.	SHA Report - Healthier People, Excellent Care 2008
218.	Email from Dr Keith Brent submitting amended evidence 25.07.08
219.	Email from Dr V Argent submitting additional evidence 25.07.08
220.	Email and additional evidence submitted by Dr V Argent 28.07.08 – Scottish COTS Report (In Utero Transport Report)
221.	Email from Dr V Argent 29.07.08 re the above: Transfer and Inherent Risk

Responses to the IRP enquiry line (emails, letters and phone calls)

Emails

1.	V Argent
2.	S Johnston
3.	D Petrie
4.	G Moore
5.	M Walter
6.	L Murphy
7.	M O’Leary
8.	R Sewell
9.	S Mephram
10.	J Rutherford
11.	R Strange-Burlong
12.	H M Skardhamar
13.	P Page
14.	D Page
15.	D Cole
16.	Z Grayland
17.	P Herridge
18.	R Seaber
19.	G Leece
20.	S Elkin
21.	Dr J Sheppard
22.	M Corrina-Kavakli
23.	G Jones
24.	S Lloyd
25.	B Ecclestone
26.	L Sheldon
27.	C Benn
28.	K Wright
29.	L Owen
30.	L Bolton
31.	K Parker
32.	P Murfet
33.	J Davies
34.	F L Payton
35.	P Fairweather
36.	A Hoadley
37.	S Bushell
38.	S McNally
39.	R Bunn
40.	M Honeybourne
41.	J Dadd
42.	J Pavey
43.	C Neville
44.	M Jackson

45.	B Dyer
46.	S Watkins
47.	A Jay
48.	S Lloyd
49.	R Williams
50.	R A Battles
51.	P Smith
52.	T Robinson
53.	R & P Bunn
54.	N Gibbons
55.	A Ripley
56.	R Watson
57.	J Clarke
58.	S Warner
59.	M Williams
60.	W Bray
61.	N Bray
62.	L Bray
63.	K Bray
64.	R Neal
65.	C Belsey
66.	J Zidi
67.	L Walke
68.	J Walter
69.	M Liebenberg
70.	D Traynor
71.	A Ledward
72.	J Leach
73.	N Fuller
74.	B Valentine
75.	K Killeen
76.	A Barrington-Peek
77.	J Zaidi
78.	M Parris
79.	J & J Griffiths
80.	S Steinberg
81.	B Mason
82.	J Klein
83.	R Barton
84.	J Clarke
85.	T Mayo
86.	R Hills
87.	P Nash
88.	R A Stafford
89.	R Hallett
90.	S Bunting
91.	L Dalton – Eastbourne Green Party

Letters

92.	J F Corney
93.	P Read
94.	R E Bullock
95.	N Perry
96.	F Cullen
97.	F Wallace-Carville
98.	M Jackson
99.	N Manning
100.	W Bray
101.	N Bray

102.	L Bray
103.	K Bray
104.	R Neal
105.	T J Underhill
106.	P Pragnell
107.	P Parry
108.	M Barnes
109.	R Goude
110.	P Shields
111.	P J Nash – The Friends of The Eastbourne Hospitals
112.	I D Lowin

Petition

113.	Save the DGH Campaign provided a copy of the original Petition entitled Help save the DGH
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Phone calls

114.	V Argent
115.	L Walke
116.	B Dyer
117.	C Martin
118.	A Lidwood
119.	S Bunting
120.	C Moore
121.	R G Mitchell
122.	Mrs Watson
123.	Mrs Johnson

Appendix Six**Panel membership**

* Subgroup members that took the lead in this review

Chair

Peter Barrett
Chair, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
Former general practitioner, Nottingham

Members

*Cath Broderick
Independent advisor on involvement and consultation

Fiona Campbell
Independent consultant specialising in health and social policy

Sanjay Chadha
Justice of the Peace
Committee Member, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society

Ailsa Claire
Chief Executive, Barnsley Primary Care Trust
Chair/Manager, Yorkshire & Humber Specialist Service Consortia

Nick Coleman
Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine,
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Consultant Nurse for Older People, King's College Hospital
NHS Trust Clinical Director, Care Homes Support Team

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Clinical Lead for the North Central London Perinatal Network,

Brenda Howard
Director of Strategy
Nottinghamshire County Teaching PCT

Nick Naftalin
Emeritus Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology University
Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
Former member of the National Clinical Governance Support
Team

*John Parkes
Chief Executive
Northamptonshire Teaching Primary Care Trust

Linda Pepper
Independent advisor on involvement and consultation

Ray Powles
Head of Haemato-oncology, Parkside Cancer Clinic, London.
Former Head of Haemato-oncology, Royal Marsden Hospital

Paul Roberts
Chief Executive Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust

Gina Tiller
Part-time tutor in industrial relations
Chair, Newcastle Primary Care Trust

*Paul Watson
Director of Commissioning
East of England Strategic Health Authority

Support to the Panel

Chris Howgrave-Graham Acting Chief Executive

Martin Houghton Secretary to the Panel

Iain Henderson Review Manager

Maureen Larkin Review Manager

Richard Jeavons took up post as Chief Executive of the IRP with effect from the 1 June 2008.

Appendix Seven

About the Independent Reconfiguration Panel

The Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) offers advice to the Secretary of State for Health on contested proposals for NHS reconfigurations and service changes in England. It also offers informal support and generic advice to the NHS, local authorities and other interested bodies in the consideration of issues around NHS service reconfiguration.

The Panel consists of a Chair, Dr Peter Barrett, and members providing an equal balance of clinical, managerial and patient and citizen representation.

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