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Dear Matt,

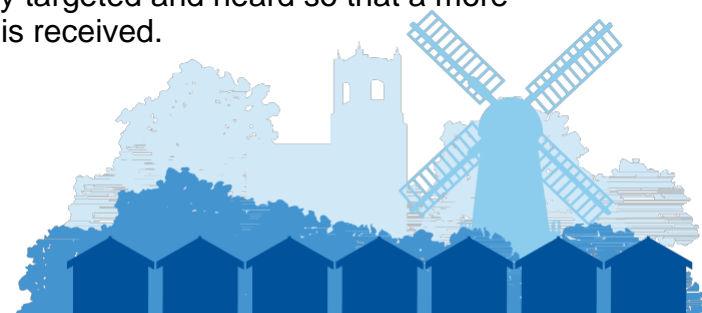
Pre-Consultation Business Case (draft v8) for the Future Configuration of Community Inpatient Beds in Mid & South Essex

Many thanks to you and your team for providing comprehensive evidence of the local processes applied to the above-mentioned business case and for joining the Clinical Senate Council meeting via Teams on 5th December, 2023 to answer questions. The Council welcomed the opportunity to support Mid and South Essex ICB by providing an independent view of the Clinical Governance and Assurance Processes followed to date.

I am pleased to formally confirm that the East of England Clinical Senate Council agreed that the Mid and South Essex ICB's Clinical Governance and Assurance Processes were followed for the Pre-Consultation Business Case for the Future Configuration of Community Inpatient Beds.

In addition, the following observations were made at the East of England Clinical Senate Council meeting on 5th December 2023:

1. There needs to be further work on the workforce plan for these proposals.
2. There should be further work on analysing travel times; especially the impact on areas of deprivation and the patient groups already identified as experiencing health inequalities.
3. While there was consultation with the public in forming these proposals, more extensive public consultation and engagement may have been helpful.
4. When doing further patient and public consultation in the future, Mid and South Essex ICB should ensure that enhanced patient involvement and the voice of underserved groups is especially targeted and heard so that a more inclusive and diverse range of feedback is received.



5. Mid and South Essex may wish to consider the recommendations of The British Psychological Society for integrated community stroke services.
6. It was suggested that clearer diagrams that depict how different governance groups relate to each other within the context of this proposal would be helpful.

We hope that the additional feedback regarding the future configuration of Intermediate Care and Stroke Rehabilitation community beds, the location of the freestanding Maternity Led Birthing Unit and the transfer of residual Ambulatory Services from the St Peter's Hospital site, will prove helpful in moving these services forward.

However, should you need any further information or independent clinical advice on the transformation of any other services, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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