

## CONSULTATION ON LPT's APPLICATION TO BECOME A NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland  
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### 1. Introduction

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) wishes to become a NHS Foundation Trust and began a 13-week consultation on 4 August 2008 to seek the views of members of the public, service users, carers, partner organisations and staff about its proposals. The consultation closes on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

### 2. The Consultation Process

LPT's proposals for becoming a NHS Foundation Trust are set out in a consultation document that is available in both an expanded and summary version. The information is also available in 6 other languages, large print and in easy read format. The information can be provided in audio or Braille on request.

This written information was distributed widely across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland at the start of the consultation period. It is also available on the Trust's website. Local media are being used to raise awareness of the consultation process.

Eight public meetings are arranged to take place in Leicester and across the county areas. In addition, LPT has sought meetings with stakeholder groups and responded to many requests from groups to attend their meetings and discuss the proposals; LPT continues to receive requests for meetings. Internal meetings are also taking place with members of staff. The Trust has been pleased by the level of interest shown in its proposals to date, particularly the interest shown by voluntary and community groups.

### 3. Responses to the consultation

There are several different ways in which people can feed back their views on LPT's proposals for becoming a NHS Foundation Trust, namely:

- using a questionnaire that is included in all consultation documents

- by letter
- by e-mail
- by telephone
- via LPT's website, by completing a questionnaire on-line
- in person at meetings

Freepost and Freephone facilities are in use to reduce costs for respondents.

At this stage of the consultation (5 weeks into the 13 week period) a majority of responses appear to be generally in favour of LPT becoming a NHS Foundation Trust. Respondents are supportive of the proposed priorities for service and organisational developments and the general arrangements for members and governors of the NHS Foundation Trust.

#### **4. The outcome of consultation**

At the close of consultation on 31<sup>st</sup> October the responses received will be fully collated, analysed and reported for consideration by the LPT Trust Board at its public meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2008. A report on the consultation process and outcome will also form part of LPT's formal application to become a NHS Foundation Trust that is submitted to the Secretary of State for Health and subsequently to Monitor (the approval and regulatory body for NHS Foundation Trusts).

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