

Di Martin
FOREST OF DEAN HEALTH FORUM

I attended the HF on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

It was an interesting meeting where we had a speaker from Gloucestershire South West Ambulance Trust

It was quite enlightening about the change to the way in which they operate and also that there is a reciprocal arrangement with other Trusts so that patients living in Border areas could get a response from , for example, a Welsh Ambulance-whichever will be the quickest. The minutes will have a full explanation.

There was an update about Lydney Hospital X-ray suite.

After the chair's report he posed a question- What do people in the Forest of Dean want and need realistically for the best future health care? What are their views on the local hospitals, the proposed changes, effective consultation and satisfactory outcome? This is something the Health Forum will be focusing on in the next few months.

Disappointment was expressed about the delay in the National Sustainable Transformation Plan which is the nationally proposed changes to the NHS, by NHS England which will change the way services are going to be delivered nationally and throughout the County of Gloucestershire.

This has had the knock on affect to any proposed changes in the Forest. Resulting from this the Locality Reference Group has had to delay making any decisions about future plans and has delayed their long awaited Consultation Document.

THERE ARE NO PLANS THAT SUGGEST THAT THE DILKE or LYDNEY HOSPITALS ARE GOING TO CLOSE.