

CAMPAIGNERS URGE PCT BOARD TO HEED MASSIVE PUBLIC VOTE FOR NHS TRUST TO RUN LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Interview/Photo Opportunity: Monday October 15th, [campaigners from across Gloucestershire will attend an extraordinary board meeting and respond to the decision on the future of Gloucestershire's health services]. Contact: Caroline Molloy, Stroud Against the Cuts - 07931 302507

On Monday, October 15th, the Board of NHS Gloucestershire will hold an extraordinary meeting to decide whether Gloucestershire's community health services will be run by an NHS Trust, or opened up to bids from the private sector.

This marks a decisive moment in Gloucestershire campaigners' long running campaign to keep the county's community hospitals, clinics and health services in the NHS. Earlier plans to transfer Gloucestershire's community hospitals, clinics and health services [1], to a "social enterprise" (a non-NHS body) on 1st October 2011, were halted in an eleventh hour legal challenge by retired railway worker Michael Lloyd, 76, from Stroud, in Feb 2012.

On Wednesday 10th October 2012, NHS Gloucestershire revealed the outcome of a public consultation, which they were obliged to conduct as part of the legal settlement reached with Mr Lloyd. NHS Gloucestershire state [2] that "During the 12 week engagement period, NHS Gloucestershire has received a significant level of feedback regarding the future management of its community health services. *The overwhelming majority of respondents, from all groups, expressed a preference for Option 1 – the establishment of a new NHS Trust* ." (emphasis added). Of 2,564 responses, 96% voted for Option 1, in addition to a petition of 6,530 signatures expressing support for Option 1.

Results summary

	Returned Form	Option. (a)	Option. (b)	Option. (c)	Option. (d)	Option. (e)
Returned	1628					
Not Returned	1268					
Void	4					
Pref 1		1482	18	106	13	7
Pref 2		109	446	960	43	24
Pref 3		18	709	331	339	125
Pref 4		7	247	127	711	396
Pref 5		5	106	61	398	950

- a) For Gloucestershire Care Services to be a standalone organisation in the form of an NHS Trust and for the apply to potentially become a Community Foundation Trust (CFT)
- b) For Gloucestershire Care Services to be a standalone organisation in the form of a Community Interest Co
- c) For Gloucestershire Care Services to merge or be taken over by another NHS organisation
- d) For my services/department to proceed with its own Right to Request
- e) For Gloucestershire Care Services to partner with a private sector organisation

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