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9. THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

This public consultation is the most important opportunity you will have to directly influence the outcome of this review.



YOUR VIEWS COUNT

This four month public consultation on the future of children's heart services is your chance to have your opinions heard by the people responsible for making a final decision on the future of the service. The NHS would like as many people as possible to respond. Everyone's view will be considered.

EVERYONE'S INVITED TO TAKE PART

The consultation is open to everyone - from parents and staff to interested members of the public. This is your opportunity to influence how children's heart services are provided in England and Wales.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON

We are consulting on three key areas:

- the suggested new approach to providing children's congenital heart services. Please refer to page 38 for more information
- the proposed standards that have been developed to ensure quality across the service regardless of where you live. Please refer to page 34 for more information
- the proposed options for change. The details of these options and what they may mean for children, parents and staff are set out on page 102
- improvements in the way quality is measured as set out in section 8



ALL RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 1 JULY 2011

An electronic version and hard copies of the consultation document and response form are available in English and Welsh. Braille, and copies in other languages can also be provided on request. Please contact the communications team.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The *SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE* consultation coordinator is Jeremy Glyde, Programme Director. Any queries or complaints on the consultation process please:

- Write to *SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE*, NHS Specialised Services, 2nd floor, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QT
- Call on 020 7932 3958
- Email ChildHeart@nsscg.nhs.uk

Please note that comments submitted via this process cannot be counted as part of the formal consultation.

HOW TO GIVE US YOUR VIEWS

- Complete the response form accompanying this consultation document.
- Or: go to www.specialisedservices.nhs.uk/safeandsustainable and complete an electronic version of the response form and submit online.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RESPONSES?

This consultation will run from 1 March 2011 to 1 July 2011. An independent third party will collect all the responses and a comprehensive analysis will be published in a final report.

The Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts will consider the report carefully to help them evaluate the four options and make a final decision. We expect a final decision to be made later in 2011. Any changes to children's congenital heart services are expected in 2013.

CONSULTATION EVENTS

Some people will have questions about what the different options mean for you in your area. We will be holding consultation events across England and Wales throughout the consultation period to give you an opportunity to put your questions to local clinicians and commissioners. If you are a young person you may want to come to one of the events for young people.

To find out where and when your nearest consultation event will be held please go to: www.specialisedservices.nhs.uk/safeandsustainable



Birmingham	Mon 4 April
Cardiff	Tues 5 April
Newcastle	Thurs 7 April
Oxford	Wed 4 May
London	Sat 7 May
Warrington	Mon 9 May
Leeds	Tues 10 May
Cambridge	Wed 18 May
Gatwick	Thurs 19 May
Southampton	Tues 24 May
Taunton	Tues 7 June
Leicester	Thurs 16 June