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From: Chair NMQ

To: hello <hello@improvinghealthcaretogether.org.uk>

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Subject: hospital plans

Hello,

From reviewing the plans and consulting with the MP I have concerns about the project as outlined.

In the Mott McDonald report, I can see that the people these plans are set to disenfranchise are those with from lowest income deciles. The report specifically notes that those who will stand to lose the most come from this sector of society. Can you advise why with this information this been permitted to happen given the impact of the plans and the removal of key services from the ward with the lowest income deciles?

Further, from reviewing the modelling for the population growth I have determined that only population growth has been accounted for and not the growing needs of an ageing population. In real terms, this means that the bed allocations are not suitable for the projected requirements of the footprint. By strictly accounting only for population growth, the plans appear to ignore that with an ageing population as outlined by the ONS that the service use will increase. This means that even if the population is set to increase by a few per cent, the service use is set to increase by orders of magnitude above this. Can you advise what has been put in place to mitigate this? To my knowledge, there are no case studies of effective "streamlining" to mitigate this.

Further, Elliot Colburn has stated that the plans show that "single bedrooms will be increased to 50%". This does not, however, seem to have been reinforced with heightened staffing. Currently, wards are operated which allows nurses to attend to multiple patients. With single bedrooms, the number of nurses will need to be increased but in real terms, the NHS has had a significant cut in staff. How will this be improved above and beyond 2010 levels?

Finally, the plans appear to show that beds will be moved out of the original footprint. By doing this, the beds per capita sit at 1.79. This is on par with the third world country Columbia. As a point of reference, south korea has over 12 beds per capita. Can you outline the discussions on this and what the views are to mitigate this alongside the previous points?

Kind regards,

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