

29 May 2014

Dear Sir,

I am writing to draw your attention to an NHS Consultation, which is important for all of us living in Royston and for the future of our hospital site.

The local NHS Clinical Commissioning Group is consulting on Older People's Healthcare. This is about how NHS adult community care and hospital services for older people are delivered in the Cambridge and Royston area. The consultation can be found at www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk or a hard copy is available by ringing 01223 725304 or email to engagement@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk asking for the full consultation document on Older People's Healthcare.

Royston currently has over 30 health clinics at the London Road site and discussions are continuing about a new building to house them. If we can make a persuasive case for more services for long-term conditions to be based there, it strengthens the case for more substantial buildings. This would save many people having to travel to Cambridge or Stevenage for clinic appointments.

We need to show that the town feels strongly that we need additional and integrated services based in Royston. This will also help underpin our town's objectives for the future of Royston Hospital.

At page 37 of the Consultation there is a Questionnaire with boxes for comments. I intend to say on **Question 2** that Royston needs an integrated health and social care centre bringing together health, community services and the strong local voluntary sector. On **Question 3**, I will point out that Royston Hospital has provided vital "step down" care for the elderly after periods in major hospitals, but that more services could come to Royston from Addenbrookes' and Lister, including diabetic, dementia, chest complaints and simple diagnostics. In **Question 7**, my most important option is to provide rehabilitation including "step down" beds. In **Question 9** I will point out that this is an opportunity to provide integrated health and social care locally and spare our elderly and infirm journeys of 15 miles to District Hospitals, when their chronic conditions can be managed in Royston.

I do hope you will feel able to take part in the consultation and, if you agree, make similar points to those set out above. You can return the Questionnaire by FREEPOST to the address in the consultation document. Another way of giving your feedback is to call the Engagement team on 01223 725304. **The deadline for comments is Monday 16th June.**

Best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

