

Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5078 follow-up

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your follow up request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the STP A&E consultation proposals.

Your original request asked:

We are requesting access to the following documents if they have been carried out. It is most likely that the STP already has these in their possession at the current time; given that the consultation is due to begin in January:

- 1). The Public Health Observatory report on the proposals*
 - 2). The Independent Impact Assessment on the proposals*
- Please can you also provide the name and contact details for the new Director of Acute Services at Kent & Medway STP?*

The Trust understands that you have received a reply directly from Kent and Medway STP.

Please find below for ease of reference the parts of that response that relate to the above FOI request.

Original STP response:

We have commissioned the integrated impact assessment but this has not yet been completed. We need to provide the final detail of the options, and the output from the listening events will shape these. The full integrated impact assessment will be included in the pre-consultation business case and published.

Regarding your reference to the Public Health Observatory report, we think this relates to the South East Clinical Senate Review of proposals as there are no plans to submit a report to the Public Health Observatory? The Clinical Senate will review our proposals once the two options under consideration have been evaluated. This work has been planned but not undertaken. The report from the Senate will also be included in the PCBC and published.

We will make sure you receive copies of the reports, along with the PCBC, once they are published.

Information regarding the Director of Acute Services can be found on the Kent and Medway STP website: kentandmedway.nhs.uk/programme-board/whos-who-on-the-programme-board/

Your follow up request asked:

I recently received a letter (attached) about whether or not you will be commissioning an evidence review of your plans for the East Kent Healthcare Options public consultation (on A&E and local care services) next year.

It seems that whoever wrote the response, may have misunderstood my question. I am asking to see the report from the Kent Public Health Observatory on the proposals when it becomes available. The report I am referring to will be an 'evidence review', similar to the one produced for the stroke consultation (Appendix G).

It would probably be easier if you reply to me directly than to forward this to FOI teams who of course aren't involved in either of the public consultations regarding Kent/East Kent NHS services.

If you are NOT planning to include this important step in next year's public consultation, please inform me in clear language that that is happening.

STP follow up request response:

In follow-up to your request for a Public Health Observatory report on the east Kent hospital proposals I understand that the programme team have now responded directly to you.

However, to formally close this matter as a Freedom of Information request the programme team have confirmed that the report you requested does not currently exist and that when a research review is prepared it will be published as part of the pre-consultation business case.

If you have further questions about this specific issue please contact info.eastkent@nhs.net.