

Developing cardiology services at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

Questionnaire

Introduction


You can read the proposals to improve the way we deliver specialist and inpatient cardiology services in our engagement document. We'd like to hear what you think about them.

You can find our engagement document, more detailed background information about the proposals, the evidence on which they are based and their potential impact on our website at www.mtw.nhs.uk/cardiology-engagement or by calling us for more information on [01622 225771](tel:01622 225771).

You can complete the questions and post the form back to us at [MTW Developing Cardiology Services programme, c/o Communications Team, Maidstone Hospital, Hermitage Lane, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 9QQ](#). Alternatively, you can complete the questionnaire online at www.mtw.nhs.uk/cardiology-engagement.

We need to hear from you by midnight on **14 January 2022**. Individuals will not be identifiable from the information provided. If you do not know or prefer not to answer a question, please leave it blank.

If you would prefer, you can tell us what you think by email at mtw-tr.cardioreconfig@nhs.net or telephone [01622 225771](tel:01622 225771) instead.



We welcome feedback from local people, organisations and health and care staff.

Why do we need to change?

- 1 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the reasons why Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust wants to change the way specialist and inpatient cardiology (heart) services are delivered across the two main hospital sites at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells have been clearly explained? (Section 3 of our document).

Agree fully

Agree partly

Disagree partly

Disagree fully

Our proposal

Section 4 in our document sets out our proposal to bring specialist and inpatient cardiology services together at one hospital site, rather than have different elements of the services spread across two sites as now.

2 To what extent do you agree or disagree that this will improve care and the experience of being in hospital for heart patients?

Agree fully Agree partly Disagree partly Disagree fully

3 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to bring specialist and inpatient cardiology services together onto one hospital site?

Agree fully Agree partly Disagree partly Disagree fully

4 What do you think are the advantages of bringing services together in this way?

Advantages:

5 What do you think are the disadvantages of bringing services together in this way?

Disadvantages:

6 How do you think we could reduce the impact of the disadvantages of bringing these services together onto one site?

7 There are four options for the future of specialist and inpatient cardiology services in our area under consideration. These are described in section 5 of our document. The first is a 'do nothing' option – to leave services as they are. Options 2 and 4 are to bring services together at Maidstone Hospital. Option 3 is to bring services together at Tunbridge Wells Hospital.

Which of these options do you think would best address our need to change, as described in section 3 of our document?

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

8 Please describe why you answered as you did in Q7.

What else should we consider?

- 9 Are you aware of any other potential options that would address our need to change (as outlined in Section 3 of our document), that we should take into consideration (please feel free to continue on a separate sheet if you need to)?

- 10 Is there anything else you think we should consider or be aware of before making our final decision on the future shape of specialist and inpatient cardiology services in our area (please feel free to continue on a separate sheet if you need to)?

About you

11 Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Individual Organisation

12 If you are providing your own individual response, please tell us are you:

Someone who is or has been a heart patient at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

A family member or carer of someone who is or has been a heart patient using our services

Part of a voluntary organisation or charity

An NHS, council, or primary care employee

Prefer not to answer

13 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us the name:

We know people from different age groups, ethnic groups, religions and sexualities access healthcare services in a variety of ways, have differing health needs and sometimes have different experience of health services. If you are able to tell us a bit about you, we can check we're getting feedback from as wide a range of people as possible.

If you prefer not to answer any of the following questions please select 'prefer not to answer'. The data will be collated and we will ensure that no individual is identifiable.

If you are responding as an individual, please tell us:

14 The first part of your postcode, for example TN12 7 or ME13 0 etc.

Prefer not to answer

15 What is your age group?
(Please choose one box only)

- Under 18
- 18 to 24 years
- 25 to 34 years
- 35 to 44 years
- 45 to 54 years
- 55 to 64 years
- 65 to 74 years
- 75 years or older
- Prefer not to answer

16 What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

17 How would you describe your sexuality?

- Heterosexual/straight
- Lesbian/Gay woman
- Gay man
- In another way
- Prefer not to answer

18 What is your ethnic group?
(Please tick one only)

- Arab
- Asian/British Asian
- Black/British black
- Mixed race
- Traveller
- White: British
- White: Other
- Another race or ethnic background (please state)

Prefer not to answer

19 Which of the following best describes your religion or belief?

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- No religion
- Other religion
- Prefer not to answer