

Huntingdonshire District Council has the following comments to make on **Option 1**:

The financial affordability of this option has not been demonstrated, as Option 1 delivers a shortfall of £4.1m in cost reductions over the next 3 years. Therefore, this Option is not compatible with Huntingdonshire District Council's key objective that the future of the hospital be secured.

Please circle below the statement that best represents your view of the level of support you feel for these proposals

Strongly agree / agree / no opinion / **disagree** / strongly disagree

Huntingdonshire District Council has the following comments to make on **Option 2** (the PCT's preferred option which includes the principle of dissolution of HHCT as a corporate entity):

The option of remodelling the service is the one, of the four options offered, that is most appealing to Huntingdonshire District Council. The provision of broadly the same range of services at lower volumes by changing the emphasis of service delivery between hospital and community settings is the proposal that comes closest to the Council's wish that service changes in relation to Hinchingbrooke Healthcare NHS Trust should not, as far as possible, reduce the quality and accessibility of services for residents in Huntingdonshire.

There are some unresolved concerns around any future dissolution of the HHC Trust. A significant amount of saving has been attributed to this dissolution in the proposals; yet no firm proposals for alternative governance arrangements have been offered. Members are concerned that an amalgamation with either Peterborough or Addenbrookes Hospital Trusts is not attractive for preserving the local interest. A merger with the PCT Provider Trust may be more attractive but the provider arm of PCT does not have Trust status yet and there are no indications of the investment that would be required to achieve such an arrangement.

There is considerable demand for reassurance about the process, the nature, and robustness of data informing the PCT's proposals. There is a wish for reassurance that implementation of this option will significantly improve the financial viability of Hinchingbrooke Hospital. There is also a desire for evidence that consideration of the wider social impact of decisions relating to hospital services has been as inclusive as possible.

It is also a matter of concern that no assumptions about future population growth have been made, yet Huntingdonshire is in a growth area. It is expected that west-of-Cambridge communities will rely on Hinchingbrooke Hospital services as Addenbrookes Hospital relieves pressure from Hertfordshire's growth. Huntingdonshire is an area included in the Regional Spatial Strategy as a growth-area post-2021. Members would wish to have some reassurance about the robustness of the forward-planning.

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Strongly agree / **agree** / no opinion / disagree / strongly disagree

Of the options offered this is the preferred option of HDC however the Council has reservations

Annex to letter from Huntingdonshire District Council in response to the Formal Consultation Document "Seeking Sustainable Health Services for the People of Huntingdonshire: February 2007"

Huntingdonshire District Council has the following comments to make on **Option 3** (which includes the principle of dissolution of HHCT as a corporate entity):

Proposals which include the transfer of significant elements of patient services to other hospitals and significantly reducing activity on the hospital site is not compatible with Huntingdonshire District Council's key objective that the future of the hospital be secured. It is the Council's view that such a change would reduce the quality and accessibility of services for residents in Huntingdonshire.

There are some unresolved concerns around any future dissolution of the HHC Trust. A significant amount of saving has been attributed to this dissolution in the proposals; yet no firm proposals for alternative governance arrangements have been offered. Members are concerned that an amalgamation with either Peterborough or Addenbrookes Hospital Trusts is not attractive for preserving the local interest. A merger with the PCT Provider Trust may be more attractive but the provider arm of PCT does not have Trust status yet and there are no indications of the investment that would be required to achieve such an arrangement.

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Strongly agree / agree / no opinion / **disagree** / strongly disagree

Huntingdonshire District Council has the following comments to make on **Option 4** (which includes the principle of dissolution of HHCT as a corporate entity):

Proposals which include the closure of all services on the hospital site (except Treatment Centre activity) is completely opposed to Huntingdonshire District Council's key objective that the future of the hospital be secured. It is the Council's view that such a change would reduce the quality and accessibility of services for residents in Huntingdonshire.

There are some unresolved concerns around any future dissolution of the HHC Trust. A significant amount of saving has been attributed to this dissolution in the proposals; yet no firm proposals for alternative governance arrangements have been offered. Members are concerned that an amalgamation with either Peterborough or Addenbrookes Hospital Trusts is not attractive for preserving the local interest. A merger with the PCT Provider Trust may be more attractive but the provider arm of PCT does not have Trust status yet and there are no indications of the investment that would be required to achieve such an arrangement.

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Strongly agree / agree / no opinion / **disagree** / strongly disagree

The statement that best represents the basis on which you are responding:

Organisation: (approx. no. of people your organisation is responding on behalf of: Residents of Huntingdonshire likely to require Hinchingsbrooke Hospital services (population base: 167,000)