



Temporary Changes to Women's and Maternity Services 2015

What part will the CHC play in this consultation?

The CHC will:

1. Look at the papers the health board publishes about its proposals. Are they widely available and easy to understand?
2. Look at the health board's plans for consulting the public about its proposals – will it encourage all the people who want to comment to do so?
3. Encourage and support the debate by giving people an independent organisation to speak to – asking as many people as possible: What do these proposals mean for you?
4. Study and comment on the technical aspects and supporting evidence for the health board's proposals.
5. Write a formal response to the health board's consultation document which is based on all the comments we have gathered and says what we think about the advantages and disadvantages of the health board's proposals.
6. Look at the way the health board takes into account the responses to its consultation document and say whether their plans are in the interest of people who use health service and the health service itself.

The CHC is expected to do its work in a non-partisan way. It will, therefore:

- set out its role clearly (as above) and publically
- provide information to anyone who asks, leaving interpretation of the information to that person or organisation
- ensure that CHC members who contribute to local or other discussions about the proposals make the CHC's role clear **and** say whether they are speaking in a personal capacity or on behalf of the CHC

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