

Item 5 - Proposal to write a letter of support regarding public consultation - acute mental health inpatient beds

Following engagement with Fit For My Future Programme colleagues, including at its public meeting on 11th September and in a private meeting on 2nd October 2019, it is proposed that the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee agree to endorse the Chair to write a letter of support for public consultation. The recommended wording for the body of the letter is as follows:

I am writing on behalf of the Somerset Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee to thank you for reporting on your proposals for acute mental health inpatient beds for adults of working age at its public meeting held on 11th September 2019 and again at a private briefing on 2nd October 2019.

The Committee is content with the level of engagement received so far and satisfied that the proposals constitute major service reconfiguration and as such, should be subject to a formal consultation process with the public.

Please continue to engage with and inform the Committee as the consultation develops.