

East Lothian Health & Social Care Partnership



Community Update 2

Community Hospitals and Care Homes Provision

Welcome to our second update on the evolving work considering the future needs of an ageing East Lothian population.

[Update on Progress](#)

We are happy to report that good progress continues to be made against the timeline provided as a guide in our last update. Work continues:

- To review all the relevant data that will provide us with as accurate a picture as possible of the likely future size and needs of East Lothian's older population.
- To ensure that our work recognises other important East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership (ELHSCP) work, including the ongoing development of our Primary Care Strategy and the development of the new National Care Service.
- To finalise a detailed Consultation and Engagement Plan, which will set a clear methodology for capturing, reviewing, and responding to your collective comments and views. We remain on target to publish this plan on our website before the spring of 2022.

Our key objective is to ensure that we engage with as many people as possible, which includes those that have previously proven harder to reach. Harder to reach includes those who we believe:

- Might find it more problematic to take part in engagement because of a difficulty in travelling to physical events.
- Find themselves unable to take part in online events through lack of confidence or skills, or simply by not having access to the internet.
- Might not know about the engagement or feel their opinions do not matter – when they do.

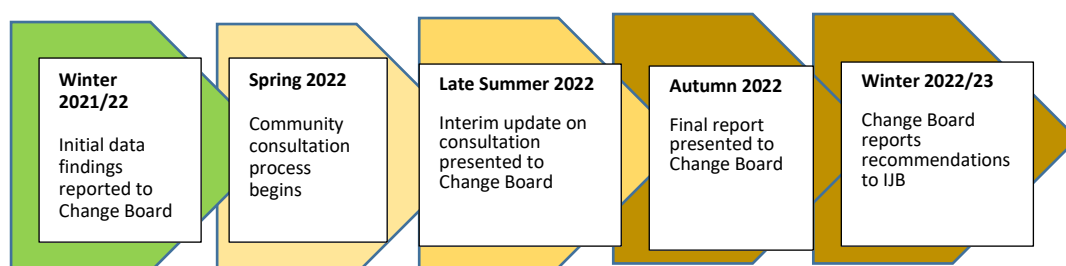
Next Steps

We want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to express their views on how healthcare for older people might be delivered in the future.

Over the remainder of winter 2022 we will implement two initiatives we are developing that are designed to maximise our understanding of the issues you are most concerned about and to assist in engaging with as many of you as possible:

- We will issue a short questionnaire that will provide us with an indication of the best ways to keep East Lothian's harder to reach residents both informed and engaged in future consultation and engagement activities.
- The recruitment and training of Community Volunteers that are prepared to share information and obtain the views of a wide range of people in their community.

Update on Timescales



Want to get involved?

If you are interested in finding out more about the Community Volunteer role or following this project, please:

- Sign up for future newsletters.
- Let us know if you have any thoughts, suggestions or want to express an opinion.

- Visit our webpage

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210558/social_care_and_health/12654/community_hospitals_and_care_homes_project

All you need to do is email us at elhscp@eastlothian.gov.uk

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