

## **KEY THEMES FROM SUBMISSIONS TO THE CALDERDALE AND KIRKLEES JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was keen to ensure that local people and other key stakeholders had an opportunity to inform the work of the Committee and were grateful to everyone who took time to submit their views including the written and verbal presentations received at the formal meetings and the input from members of public who attended the Committee's drop in sessions.

The Committee would wish to emphasise that seeking public comment was only intended to gauge the public's opinion on the proposals, highlight key issues and areas of concern and should not be considered as a public consultation exercise.

Detailed below is a high level summary of the key themes that have emerged from the Committee's own review of the proposals.

### **FINANCE**

- Question mark over the likelihood of the required funds being made available to implement the proposals.
- Key driver for change is predominately based on the financial position of the Trust.
- Concern on the financial implications of extending PFI borrowing to fund capital build at Calderdale Royal Hospital

### **CAPACITY**

- Insufficient bed capacity to meet the needs of the local populations
- The ability of General Practice and other primary care services to handle the extra demand.
- Lack of detail on how the Care Closer to Home Programmes will meet the extra demand.
- Concern on how Yorkshire Ambulance Service will manage the extra hours in journey times as a result of the reconfiguration.
- Impact on social care

### **TRAVEL AND JOURNEY TIMES**

- Disproportionate impact on vulnerable groups
- Times taken to travel by public transport and impact on people reliant on public transport
- Increase in travel time
- No consideration given to absolute travel times
- Road congestion
- Increase in Ambulance Journey times
- Impact on people living in outlying rural areas who will have extra distances to travel and increased ambulance response times

## **CONSULTATION**

- Inadequate promotion of public drop-in-sessions
- Low attendance at public sessions
- Concerns that leaflets to promote awareness of the proposals and encourage feedback weren't distributed until the latter stages of the consultation period.
- Lack of consultation with GP's and other key stakeholders.

## **LOCATION**

- Suitability of Calderdale Royal Hospital (CRH) for location of emergency centre
- Constraints in space to expand CRH to cope with future increases in demand.
- Inadequate parking facilities at CRH
- Poor road infrastructure surrounding CRH
- Concern that a large population residing in Kirklees could end up without a fully functioning emergency department located in its district.