

Questions for Board extraordinary meeting 20 June 2017 from Oxfordshire KONP

Q1-6	<p>Our previous questions (to be answered in the meeting (20 June))</p> <p>Please see link to previous board questions here</p>
Q7	<p>Given that OCCG has reiterated its intention during its decision-making process to put patient safety factors and clinical best practice ahead of consultation findings (unless they endorse its proposals presumably), how will the Board refute the criticism that their intention has been less about genuine public engagement than compliance with official edicts to consult?</p> <p>OCCG needs to balance its duty of commissioning safe and effective services with its duty to consult and engage with the public.</p> <p>Our board paper said: “The public consultation is a very important part of the decision-making process; however it is not a referendum. Its purpose is to seek views from the public, answer questions and allow other suggestions to come forward that may not have been considered. This feedback will be considered alongside other relevant information such as patient-safety factors and clinical best practice; OCCG Board will use this to help them make decisions about the proposed changes.</p>
Q8	<p>Given that the Board has to ‘agree it is assured about the process for the consultation’, how will it respond to the widespread criticism of the process found in the report, including: the split into two phases, revealing a failure to recognise/willingness to overlook clinical interdependencies; the disconnect between the themes of the Big Conversation and the proposals; the low numbers engaged by the Big Conversation; the leading questions of the survey; the lack of options; timing and venues of meetings; the confusing and unhelpful management-speak consultation document; the late uploading of the PCBC appendices; and the absence of risk and impact assessments?</p> <p>OCCG recognise the public have strong views and have raised their concerns throughout the consultation as might be expected. However the Board of OCCG is assured that the consultation gave many opportunities and ways for the public to respond. The Board felt that the consultation was far reaching in Oxfordshire and across the northern borders. More than 10,000 individual responses were received by OCCG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 646 surveys were completed, 509 online and 137 self-completion;• 1,407 people attended the 15 public meetings held;• 9,248 letters from the public were received;• 43 submissions from stakeholders;• Other engagement activity took place including outreach to seldom heard individuals and communities <p>The Board has received the consultation report and interrogated it thoroughly in private and in public. They have heard the views and strength of feeling from the public. Given this, a number of areas will be explored further before final recommendations will be brought in August.</p>

Q9	<p>In noting the findings of the consultation report, will the Board not find it hard to avoid being deeply concerned about the extent and range of concerns expressed by the public and other key stakeholders about OCCG's proposals?</p> <p>As above in Q8.</p>