

**West Hertfordshire Primary Care Trust and  
East and North Hertfordshire Primary Care Trust**

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**To: NHS and Community Stakeholders**

**Equitable Access to Primary Care  
Local Procurement of GP-led Health Centres**

Dear Colleague,

Please find attached a consultation paper setting out proposals for the establishment of

- **Two GP-led health centres on the proposed local general hospital sites, one in Hemel Hempstead in the area of West Hertfordshire PCT and the other in Welwyn Hatfield in the area of East and North Hertfordshire PCT**

Improving access to primary care services is one of the key pledges identified by the NHS East of England and is in line with the Minister for Health, Lord Ara Darzi's interim report on the NHS (Our NHS our future) which identified a need to extend access to GP services. The latter included a commitment to open a range of GP led health centres across England.

The PCTs have agreed a two month period of consultation with NHS and community stakeholders following discussions with Hertfordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee. This is to fit in with the national and regional timetables for the procurement of the new services. Consultation will take place between the 26<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Comments on the proposals should be sent by the 26<sup>th</sup> May:

by email to: [getinvolved@herts-pcts.nhs.uk](mailto:getinvolved@herts-pcts.nhs.uk)

by freepost to: GP-led Health Centres, Hertfordshire PCTs, Freepost 145, Parkway,  
Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6BR  
(please note this postcode is different to our usual address)

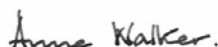
or left on messageline: 01707 361269

Copies of the consultation paper and related documents can be found on the PCTs' websites:  
[www.enherts-pct.nhs.uk](http://www.enherts-pct.nhs.uk) and [www.wherts-pct.nhs.uk](http://www.wherts-pct.nhs.uk)

If you would like a presentation on the proposals and an opportunity to discuss them in more detail, please get in touch by email or via the messageline.

The PCTs will be actively exploring ways of engaging with stakeholders either through existing meetings or holding specific events.

Yours sincerely



**Anne Walker  
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