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## Final meeting of Loughborough Walk-In Centre consultation

The last public meeting of the 12-week consultation on the walk-in centre and the future of urgent care in Loughborough is being held next week.

Dr Nick Willmott, a GP and chairman of the group planning the development of urgent care in West Leicestershire, said: "We would encourage anyone with an opinion on the options for the walk-in centre to come along and have their say.

"Time is running out for people to make their views known and we are keen to make sure everyone has this opportunity, either by attending the final public meeting or by filling in a questionnaire before the closing date of 11 January."

The meeting takes place on Thursday 15 December from 7-8.30pm at Quorn Church Rooms, Church Lane, Quorn, Loughborough, LE12 8DP.

The consultation, which started on 19 October and ends on 11 January, has been organised by West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (WL CCG) which will be responsible for commissioning or 'buying' local healthcare from April 2013, as part of a review of how urgent care services are provided locally and if they can be provided more effectively. The views of the public are being sought on two options:

- Option one is urgent care at the current Walk-In Centre at Pinfold Gate
- Option two is urgent care provided at Loughborough Hospital in Epinal Way

Option two is WL CCG's preferred option as the hospital, which is 1.6 miles from Pinfold Gate, provides better access to diagnostic tests including scans, blood tests and week-end X-rays. There are also beds for patients to be kept in for observation and better access to specialist doctors already working in the hospital.

Questionnaires are available to pick up from Loughborough Walk-In Centre, local libraries, GP surgeries and council buildings or online by visiting [www.lcr.nhs.uk](http://www.lcr.nhs.uk)

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Notes to editor:

West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group was formed earlier this year as part of the changes proposed to the NHS under the Health and Social Care bill. Clinical Commissioning Groups were formerly known as GP consortia. The West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group represents 50 GP practices and covers Hinckley & Bosworth, North Charnwood, North West Leicestershire and South Charnwood.