

From: John Dinnie
Sent: 17 September 2024 11:38
To: Chair@bedsforbadger.org
Subject: For the attention of Parish Clerks/Contacts

Dear Parish Official

Ellen Badger Hospital, Shipston on Stour – Removal of Beds – Public Consultation.

You are receiving this because you have been listed as the contact for a Parish in Rural South Warwickshire. This information came from the democracy pages of The Stratford District Council Website.

If you are a Stratford District Councillor, you are receiving this because a Parish contact email address was not readily available from the above website, and you are listed as District Councillor for one of the following Parishes:

Chadshunt, Compton Verney, Compton Wynyates, Radbourne, Watergall, or Whitchurch.

Should you not be the correct person to approach, would you please be kind enough to pass this on to whoever is the correct official?

The Background to this request is as follows.

On 26th May 2023 South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust (SWUFT) issued a press statement to say that the inpatient beds that had been temporarily removed from the Ellen Badger Hospital would not return to Shipston. They would remain located in Leamington Spa. Both Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committees identified this as a major change in service and requested that the Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Integrated Care Board (CWICB) conduct a Public Consultation.

On 19th July 2023 the CWICB agreed and allowed 9 months to prepare a business case and a further 12 weeks for Public Consultation. That public consultation is now planned for January to March 2025 with a result at the end of May 2025.

In response to this the 'Beds for Badger' Campaign Organising Committee are seeking to ensure that the residents of Rural South Warwickshire are fairly and properly consulted on this matter.

Our questions for you are:

1. Would your Parish Council or Parish Meeting wish to be consulted on the permanent removal of inpatient beds from the Ellen Badger Hospital to Leamington Spa?
2. Should the residents of your parish be consulted on this matter?
3. How would you wish that consultation to take place?
4. Do you have a local Village Hall or meeting place that could be used for a public meeting?
5. Could you provide the name and contact details of a local representative with whom arrangements could be made?

Please do give this your serious consideration and advise us of your conclusions as soon as you practically can. We appreciate your cooperation and support for the consultation process on behalf of the residents of Rural South Warwickshire.

Kind Regards

Beds For Badger Campaign Organising Committee.

Please reply to chair@bedsforbadger.org by October 31st 2024