

Thursday 30th May 2019

Dear Colleague

RE: Non Obstetric Ultrasound Scan (NOUS) Listening Exercise

We are NHS Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group (SWB CCG) and are responsible for commissioning (buying) local healthcare services on your behalf. We are a membership organisation consisting of 83 GP Practices and are responsible for 575,684 registered patients across the Sandwell and West Birmingham area.

As your local Clinical Commissioning Group, we have a responsibility under the Health and Social Care Act to inform and consult you on proposed changes and seek your views on how we shape future services.

We currently commission NOUS (scanning services) from an organisation called Health Harmonie that provides community based healthcare services on behalf of the NHS. Health Harmonie has recently informed SWB CCG that they no longer wish to provide this service and we now need to look for an alternative provider for our patients. NOUS is also provided by some GP Surgeries and other health care providers.

This has presented an opportunity for SWB CCG to hold a listening exercise as we want to hear about your views and experiences for NOUS.

The listening exercise will run from Monday 3rd June 2019 to Friday 28th June 2019 and you can get involved in a number of ways;

Attend one of our public meetings as listed below:

- Tuesday 4th June 2019, 2.00-5.00pm
Handsworth Fire Station, Rookery Rd, Birmingham B21 9QU
- Tuesday 25th June 2019, 2.00-5.00pm
Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69 1HE
- Thursday 27th June 2019, 6.00-9.00pm
YMCA 38 Carter's Green, West Bromwich B70 9LG

Complete our online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SWBNOUS>

- Complete a paper copy survey and requesting this by using the number overleaf please

- Alternatively complete the survey in the listening exercise booklet and return it to

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Engagement (Freepost)
Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group
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We look forward to hearing your views, if you require any further information please contact our Engagement Team on 0121 612 1447 or email swbccg.engagement@nhs.net

Yours sincerely



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