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Thank you for your Information request relating to the Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1) Is the STP forming proposals for or implementing major service change? Has any major service change been implemented already through the STP?

The information you are requesting is already in the public domain¹. Please follow this [link](#) to the STP website where you can read more about identified areas of improvement, including key priorities for the year ahead. A summary of our '[Healthier Future](#)' plan is also available on this website.

2) What areas of care are/were in scope for the development of proposals for major service change? (e.g. emergency care and acute medicine)

We do not hold this information². To confirm your understanding, as the STP is not a statutory organisation, the responsibility for consulting on any service changes to locally-commissioned services in the Hertfordshire and West Essex area would fall to the commissioners of those services, not the providers of those services (such as hospital trusts).

Information regarding the consultation events for our three CCGs can be obtained from the [NHS Lets Talk](#) website.

3) Have the following been drafted to guide the decision-making process?

- a) Fixed points
- b) Hurdle criteria
- c) Evaluation criteria

Please see the answer to question 2

¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means has been applied

² Section 1(1) - Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled

(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and

(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

- 4) What is the status of each of these elements i.e. how far progressed, what is in the public domain, what is the extent of formal and informal engagement or consultation on these elements and with which audiences (including high-level details of the formal and/or informal engagement carried out with [i] clinicians and [ii] the public):
- a) Fixed points
 - b) Hurdle criteria
 - c) Evaluation criteria

Please see the answer to question 2.

- 5) Please provide the latest available version(s) of the fixed points, hurdle criteria and evaluation criteria. (Note that if there is a work-in-progress version which is intended for future publication which cannot yet be released, then I would be grateful if you could provide or direct me to the most recent public version if one exists and provide information on the timeline for future release of the final criteria)

Please see the answer to question 2.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

