

Terms of Reference: Forest of Dean Locality Reference Group

Aims:

To maximise local engagement in decisions about healthcare services for the people of the Forest of Dean locality.

To increase community awareness and influence; developing local support for initiatives and changes to healthcare delivery.

Objectives:

To achieve the Group's aims through the development and implementation of:

- governance and accountability arrangements
- communication and engagement with the wider community; helping to keep them informed about specific initiatives and acting as a mechanism for gathering feedback from the community
- targeted work to generate evidence and develop knowledge that will inform the Locality Executive Group and Clinical Commissioning in Gloucestershire.
- strategies to facilitate the engagement of 'seldom heard' groups.

Membership:

Representatives from the following:

- Locality Community Hospital Leagues of Friends
- Great Oaks Forest Hospice
- Forest of Dean Health Forum
- Forest Voluntary Action Forum
- Practice Participation Groups
- Healthwatch Gloucestershire
- Carers Gloucestershire
- Crossroads Care Forest of Dean
- Forest Sensory Services
- Gloucestershire Care Providers Association
- Lay Representative, Forest of Dean Locality Executive
- Gloucestershire Care Services
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Forest of Dean District Council: Cabinet Member for Housing & Wellbeing
- Forest of Dean District Council: Cabinet Member for Community
- Community Engagement Manager, Forest of Dean District Council
- Forest Engagement Officer, Gloucestershire County Council

Meeting cycle:

Monthly (or as required to support the progress of specific project work)

Reporting/Accountability:

Reporting to CCG/Locality Executive Group

Agreed: October 2015