

Paper 4

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By email

Dear Vivek

We note the UHL Decision Making Business Case states that a haemodialysis unit is not feasible for Rutland. This is disappointing because we have heard of the rigours of travelling to and from Leicester from Rutland 3 times a week in addition to the difficulties of undergoing haemodialysis. We are aware that there was a suggestion that perhaps GP surgeries might be able to host a dialysis service.

We at Healthwatch Rutland would like to support our local patients in accessing this therapy closer to home if at all possible.

To fully understand the situation, we wondered if you could provide us with some extra information, please?

1. How many Rutland patients are dependent on haemodialysis?
2. Where do these patients access their dialysis?
3. Are there dialysis-dependent patients in the Melton Mowbray area and, if so, how many?
4. Would there, perhaps be greater feasibility for there to be a Rutland/Melton Mowbray dialysis facility?

Kind regards



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