

## Paper 9

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By email  
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Dear Ms Mota-Stubbs.

Thank you for your questions to the Healthwatch Rutland (HWR) Board meeting in public on 8 June 2021, copied in the attachment below. As you are a resident of [REDACTED] our colleagues at Healthwatch Leicestershire are best placed to understand your needs, experiences and concerns, and I have cc'd them for information.

The Board is happy to respond to your questions as follows:

### Question 1

Some community groups were not able to host or join our discussions and their members were encouraged to participate with us and with the consultation through the other means that we used to engage, namely social media, through website and newsletter articles, a quick poll and open meetings to discuss proposals and people's opinions and concerns.

### Question 2

The [LLR Maternity Voices Partnership](#) is run by the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and is comprised of members of the public, commissioners and providers of services. The CCG will be able to advise you on how to obtain their papers and minutes, the composition of the partnership, how to join and how they engage with the public across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland: [Leicester City CCG](#)

I do hope you were able to join the meeting using the Zoom link we sent to you.

Yours Sincerely,



**Dr Janet Underwood**  
*Chair, Healthwatch Rutland*

CC: Harsha Kotecha, Healthwatch Leicester/Leicestershire

**Attachment: questions received 7 June 2021 by email**

Dear Healthwatch

I have just found out about your Board meeting by chance. I would like to attend but it does rather clash with peak child care time. I assume I will be able to get the access link from your website if I can attend? I have 2 questions that I hope you will answer at the board meeting.

1. Having read the HWR response to the UHL Reconfiguration plans as a parent I am very disappointed that you failed to represent our concerns. It is clear you have failed to understand the consequences of the changes that are proposed. There is a basic set of comments on St Mary's closure that fail to explore the issues fully and the closure of the Obstetric Unit at LGH does not even merit a mention. Can you tell me how did you engage with us to get our opinions? Appendix 1 of your report lists the groups you made contact with and the minutes of your last meeting show that you were paid to contact those who do not come forward yet your list does not include any groups that would include a high proportion of young families with recent experience of maternity services. The Save St Mary's group was an obvious group to get in touch with, did you make contact with them? Can you explain how HWR understood our needs, experiences and concerns as users of Maternity Services and spoke out on our behalf.
2. I also notice that HWR sends a representative to LLR Maternity Voices Partnership. I cannot find any report on these meetings so may I ask what is discussed at the meetings and how does our representative input to the meeting on our behalf? Can you list the membership of the MVP, how many Rutland members are there, and how can Rutland families become members? Finally can you explain how you have communicated the existence of this group to Rutland families or expectant mothers?

Kind Regards

Kerry Mota-Stubbs