Hywel Dda Local Health Board Consultation

This document needs to be filled in by as many people as possible. It should take about 10 minutes.

This is the link to the online Questionnaire that has to be in by the 2nd of March 2012.

https://www.ors.org.uk/online/index.php?sid=39399&lang=en

Please be careful to read the questions carefully as they are loaded with assumptions.

Don't tick the "Radio Buttons" if you think that they can use the answer against us.

The following is a list of the questions with an example of how the questionnaire could be completed with some explanatory notes of what is behind the question itself.

Obviously it is up to every individual to complete the form in the way that they think is best for them and their circumstances.

Please Note: You do not have to complete the Radio Buttons but can just fill in the "reasons" pages.

Question 1: Hywel Dda Health Board should aim to provide most (80%) of NHS services locally, through primary, community and social care teams working together.



Although this sounds marvellous and is commendable what it is inferring is that only 20% of people should be treated in hospital. Also it is an ideal, not a proven way treat people. They are looking to move care back into your homes like the 1940s where people were nursed by the women at home and the medical staff came in to treat them. This will apply to all age groups from children through to the very old. Women will be forced to look after their

relatives at home and will therefore not be able to earn a living which will have a major impact on all of us.



Reasons for the answer to question 1 (Example only)



Question2: Hywel Dda Health Board needs to ensure services meet quality and safety standards for patients. This will mean better patient care.



This is self evident. If you are not going to be treated well you wouldn't use the service.

Reasons for the answer to question 2.



Question 3: The ageing population means that increasing numbers of people suffer from long-term chronic conditions.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that service planning should treat this as a key priority?

Choose one of the following answers



It is true that we do have an increasing ageing population who will require support in later life. The point in this question is what is meant by "service planning"? Again they are not explaining what this means and therefore although it makes sense to acknowledge the realities of old age exactly what are they saying that they are going to do about it?

Reasons for question 3:



Question 4: Professional advice says that maintaining all services in every hospital is undesirable because it spreads expert resources too thinly, makes it difficult to recruit and retain specialist staff and jeopardises patient safety.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with specialising some services into fewer, fully equipped centres?



Firstly – what professional advice? Secondly this question is all about centralising services in one place – in this case they have already shown us their hand – as all regions believe that this is to be in Glangwili. (It is a clever question because specialist services like the Breast Unit in Llanelli will need to be in particular hospitals.)

It really means "Should your A & E be in Glangwili?"



Question 5:

Developing specialised services will mean that some patients will need to travel further for some hospital services.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that this is reasonable in principle?

Choose one of the following answers

Again a clever question – if you want specialist treatment you will be happy to travel but for A & E Services we should not have to – otherwise it will be Glangwili again.

Reasons for question 5.



Question 6: Some patients with certain medical conditions will be eligible for hospital transport for some services. To what extent do you agree or disagree that transport services need to be improved?



The Services do need to be improved.

Reasons for question 6:



Question 7: The NHS in Wales is facing huge funding challenges, so the Health Board must organise services to spend the money it is allocated in a better way, achieve value for money and avoid duplication. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Health Board should make the best use of scarce resources?



It does not discuss their interpretation of what "scarce resources" they mean but in principle using resources wisely is to be supported.

Reason for question 7



Question 8: A range of information about *Your Health Your Future* has been made available for the listening and engagement process. Please indicate any information you may have read / seen.



Self evident.

Question 7. Thinking about *Your Health Your Future* to what extent do you agree or disagree that it was reasonably clear and easy to understand.



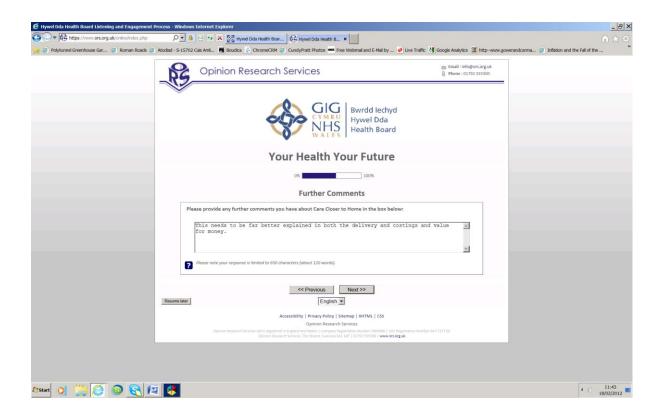
You probably need to read it but it is an appalling document with no details, costings or even based in reality.



Question 8: Other Comments

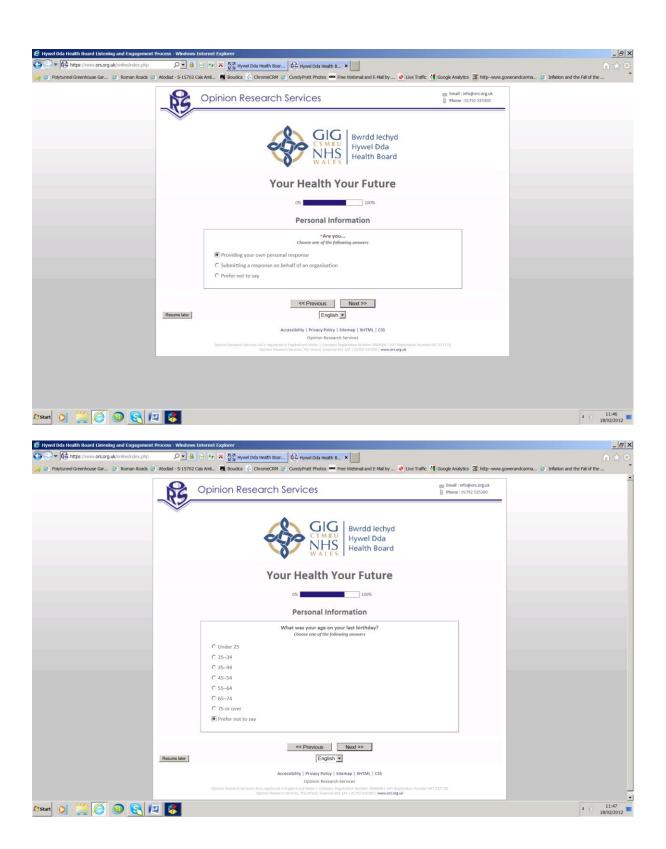


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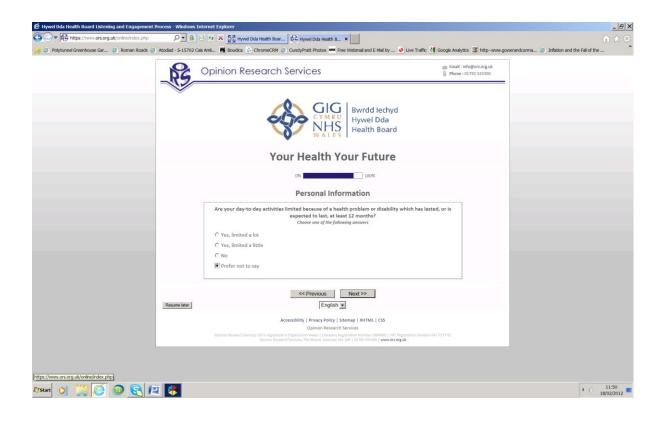
Question 10: Personal Information – Up to you!!! (Probably not their business!!)



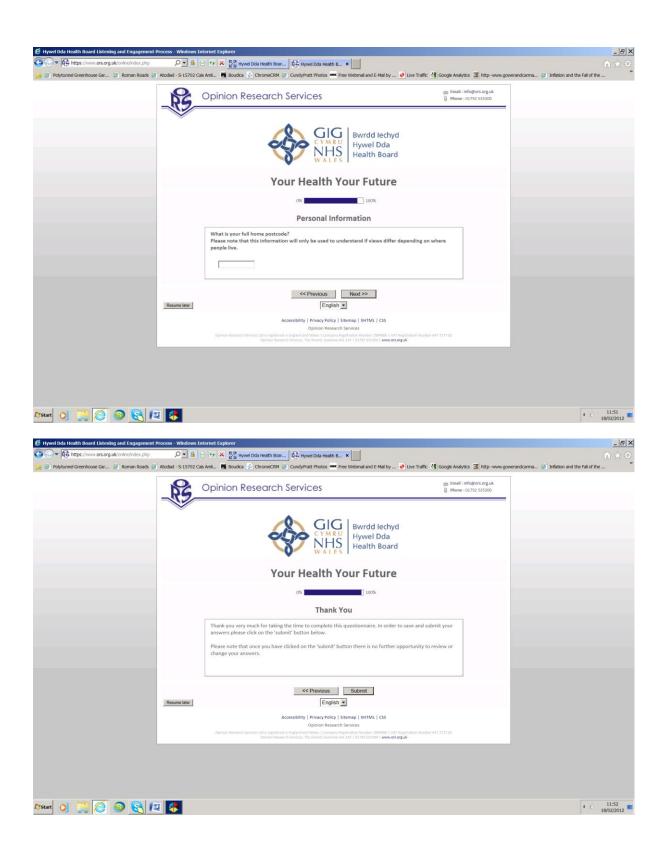














You have finished!!!!!!

Remember it is probably best NOT to use the Radio Buttons if you think that the question is "loaded in their favour". Just use the scripting boxes