

**31 AUGUST 2016**

**STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: West Lancashire community health services procurement**

Further to our previous updates on this re-procurement, we have now completed the final round of dialogue discussions with those shortlisted potential providers.

As a reminder, they are:

- Community health services; Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, Optum Health Solutions (UK) Ltd, Virgin Care Services and Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.
- Urgent care services; Optum Health Solutions (UK) Ltd and Virgin Care Services.

Since our last briefing we shared with you in June, we have further engaged with the public through drop-in public listening events across West Lancashire. This activity asked the public for their views in terms of how we measure success and the key themes from this have now been fed into the process. These findings are captured in this [report](#).

To build on our engagement with incumbent staff, this month we produced a set of Frequently Asked Questions which addressed queries around pensions, and terms and conditions. We have asked providers to share this internally with their staff.

We have also started publishing a series of blogs about the process, which can be accessed [here](#). These have been created to help set the scene of the process and communicate the facts, in particular to dispel the talk of “privatisation” that has appeared in our local media. There will be more blogs published soon.

We have responded to a press announcement from Rosie Cooper MP entitled: [\*West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group under increasing scrutiny over procurement process answers\*](#)

Our statement issued to both The Champion and The Advertiser newspapers is attached to this briefing for your information. Please note – we are currently unaware of any additional scrutiny into this process.

**Timescales**

It is our intention to select a successful bidder(s) in Autumn 2016. Once the legal standstill period is over, we will announce the outcome to all relevant stakeholders.

## Further reading

As a reminder our dedicated webpage is regularly updated and continues to house some useful resources such as.

- [Building For The Future](#) – our clinical strategy
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) – answers questions and concerns about the process
- [Insight report](#) *What You Told Us* – highlights examples of what we have heard from staff and public/patients
- [Partner briefing](#) - explains the background to our procurement
- [Infographic](#) - gives a simple snapshot of the process
- [Timescales](#) – shows the upcoming timescales of the process

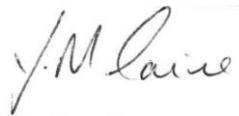
The webpage is accessible via:

<http://www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/community-health-services/>

If you require additional information, please email [myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk](mailto:myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk)

Thank you for your support with this procurement and our vision for joined up care. We will be in touch with further updates as the process continues.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Caine', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Dr John Caine,  
Chair