NHS
Greater Manchester

Specialist cardiac surgery consultation

We are thinking about the future of specialist cardiac surgery.

We need your help to decide what to do about specialist cardiac surgery.

To help, you need to tell us what you think.

We already have some ideas that we will share with you below.

We have lots of questions for you to answer.

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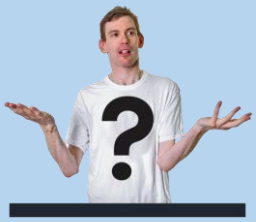
You can take your time filling this in. You have from Wednesday 1st July 2026 until Tuesday 22nd September 2026 to answer our questions.

Support

You may want some help or support from the people around you to fill in this booklet.

We can also help you to complete it. You can call or text us on 07786 673762 to ask for help.



If you don't have an answer to a question, don't worry, please leave it blank.

How to tell us what you think.

You can tell us what you think in lots of different ways.

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Answer the questions in this booklet and share it with us.

Call us on 07786 673762

Text or WhatsApp us on 07786 673762

Send us a video or voice message to 07786 673762

Email us on. gmhscp.engagement@nhs.net

Post a letter or this finished booklet.

Please contact us by email or phone so we can send you a prepaid envelope.

Visit our website:

https://getinvolved.gmintegratedcare.org.uk

If you cannot download this, get in touch and we can send you a copy in the post.

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Visit us on Facebook or Instagram:

Facebook: @NHS_GM

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We don't ask for your name and your name will not be used anywhere.

Why you should tell us what you think.

We really want to know what you think.

It will help us to understand what you need.

It will help us to understand what difference it will make to you.

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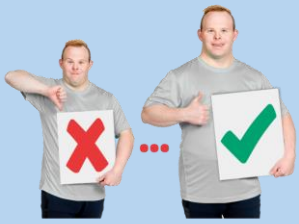
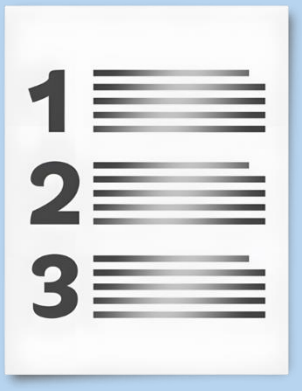
About specialist cardiac surgery.



We want to change this service.

There are lots of reasons why we want to make this change.



There are important reasons for this:

- More people need heart care.
- People are living longer and have more health problems.
- There are not enough specialist staff.
- Care is not the same in all areas.
- NHS services are under pressure.

This means we need to change the service to keep it safe and working well.

It is important to us that we talk with people about specialist cardiac surgery.

Cardiac surgery means operations on the heart.

These are serious and specialist treatments.

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We also want to hear from people who help people who have had this type of surgery.

Why do you want to help us?

This is your first question.

Please put an X in the box that tells us why you want to make services better

☐ I have had specialist cardiac surgery.

☐ I am waiting for specialist cardiac surgery.

☐ I am a family member/carer of someone who is waiting or has received specialist cardiac surgery.

☐ I work in a cardiac surgery team.

☐ I am a member of staff working with patients who access cardiac services.

☐ I am an interested member of the public.

☐ I represent an organisation.

☐ None of these is me, I want to help for another reason,

which is _____

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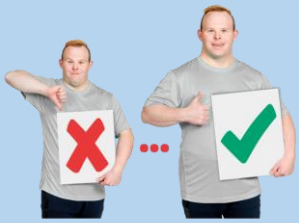
What we have done so far.

To help us understand how to make changes to specialist cardiac surgery, we have:

- Talked to patients.
- Talked to people waiting for care.
- Talked to staff and doctors.
- Held meetings and workshops.
- Collected information about the service.

All of this has helped us to come up with some ideas for how to change specialist cardiac surgery.

How we want to change things.



We are thinking about having one main hospital for surgery.

This would be: **Wythenshawe Hospital.**

This means:

- All heart surgery would happen at Wythenshawe Hospital.
- Specialist staff would work together in one place.
- It would be one service for Greater Manchester and East Cheshire.

It will be one service for all of Greater Manchester.

Some people from Wigan may get their care from another area.

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We looked at all of the ways we could run specialist cardiac surgery.

We had many ideas.

We checked the ideas against the things people told us were important.

We looked at what matters most, like:

- Safety.
- Quality of care.
- Having enough staff.
- Travel and access.
- Cost and resources.

We thought about a list of options, including:

- Keeping surgery at two hospitals.
- Having one main hospital.
- A mix of ways to share delivery of care.

We removed options that:

- Were not safe.
- Did not have enough staff.
- Would not work well in the future.

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We then scored the remaining options.

The option with the best score was:

Surgery delivered at Wythenshawe Hospital only.

We want your feedback on our preferred option.

We want to:

Move all major cardiac surgery to **one hospital**.

This is **Wythenshawe Hospital.**

This means:

- All complex surgery will happen at Wythenshawe hospital.
- Specialist staff will work together.

Most care will stay close to home, like:

- Appointments.
- Tests.
- Follow-up care.

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Only people who need surgery and to stay overnight will go to Wythenshawe Hospital.

How is this different to what happens now:

Now:

- Surgery happens at **two hospitals**

  (Manchester Royal Infirmary and Wythenshawe Hospital).

- Staff are split across sites.

In the future:

- Surgery will happen at **one hospital** (Wythenshawe Hospital)
- Staff will work together in one place.

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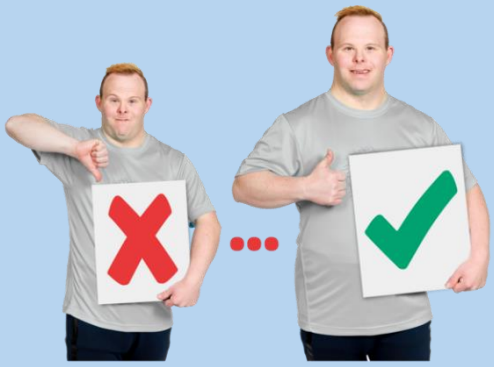
What difference will this make?



We think this will make care better.

✅ **Better safety**
Patients will be treated by expert teams in one place.

✅ **Better care**
Staff will have more experience with complex operations.

✅ **Faster treatment**
Services can run more smoothly and reduce waiting times.

✅ **Stronger teams**
Staff working together improves the service

✅ **Care stays local**
Most care will still happen near your home.

How might this affect travel for surgery?

Some people may need to:

- Travel further for surgery.

We understand this is important.

We will be:

- Keeping most care local.
- Giving clear information about travel.
- Supporting patients where possible.
- Moving patients back closer to home after surgery.

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Questions

How far would you agree or disagree that we have the right option?

☐ Completely agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Completely disagree

☐ I don't know

Why did you choose that?

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Do you have any ideas you would like to tell us about?

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Do you think that these changes will affect you more than other people?

It could be because of your age, what you believe in, where you are from, or any other reason?

☐ Yes, they might affect me more

☐ No, they won't affect me more

☐ I Don't know

Why do you think that?

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How would you get to the hospital for your appointment?

☐ Bicycle

☐ Car/van or motorcycle (driven by yourself)

☐ Car/van or motorcycle (driven by family/friend/carer)

☐ Taxi

☐ Patient transport

☐ Public transport (bus/tram/train)

☐ Walk

☐ Other

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How might moving to one site at Wythenshawe Hospital affect your travel?

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Is there anything you want us to think about when we're thinking about travel and how it might affect different people?

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Is there anything else you want to share with us about this project?

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About You

Please answer the questions about you.
You can choose to skip any questions you don't want to answer.

1. In which borough or city do you live?

- ○ Bolton
- ○ Bury
- ○ Manchester
- ○ Oldham
- ○ Rochdale
- ○ Salford
- ○ Stockport
- ○ Tameside
- ○ Trafford
- ○ Wigan
- ○ East Cheshire (including: Alsager, Audlem, Congleton, Crewe, Holmes Chapel, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Middlewich, Nantwich, Poynton and Wilmslow)
- ○ Somewhere else

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2. How old are you?

3. What is your ethnicity?
Please describe your ethnicity background however best fits you

4. How do you identify your gender?

5. Is your current gender identity the same as the gender you were described at birth?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Don't know
- ○ Prefer not to say

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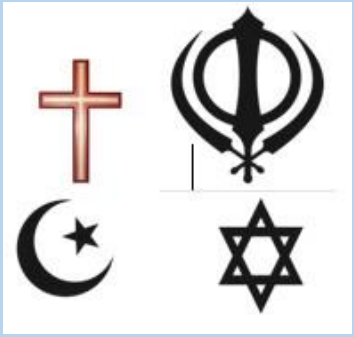
6. What is your relationship status?

- ○ Co-habiting – Living with partner
- ○ Married / Civil Partnership
- ○ Single
- ○ Widow / Widower
- ○ Prefer not to say
- ○ Other (please can you tell us)



7. What is your faith?

- ○ Atheist / None
- ○ Baha'i
- ○ Buddhist
- ○ Christian
- ○ Hindu
- ○ Jain
- ○ Jewish
- ○ Muslim
- ○ Pagan
- ○ Sikh
- ○ Zoroastrian
- ○ Prefer not to say
- ○ Other (please can you tell us)

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8. Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

- ○ Asexual
- ○ Bisexual
- ○ Gay Man
- ○ Heterosexual / Straight
- ○ Lesbian / Gay Woman
- ○ Pansexual
- ○ Prefer not to say
- ○ Other

9. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?
Disability includes any long-term illness or condition that limits your ability to live your everyday life

- ○ No
- ○ Prefer not to say
- ○ Yes, *please tell us,*

10. What is your employment status?

- ○ Employed / Self-employed
- ○ Unemployed
- ○ A student
- ○ Apprenticeship scheme or training
- ○ Long term sick or disabled
- ○ Homemaker looking after the family or home
- ○ In receipt of
- ○ Voluntary work
- ○ Retired
- ○ Prefer not to say
- ○ Other

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11. Are you currently or have you served in any of the UK armed forces?

- ○ Yes, I am a current serving member of the armed forces
- ○ Yes, I am an armed forces veteran
- ○ No
- ○ Prefer not to say

12. Are you a carer?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Prefer not to say

You have finished

Thank you.

If you have answered everything you wanted to
Please send this booklet back to us.

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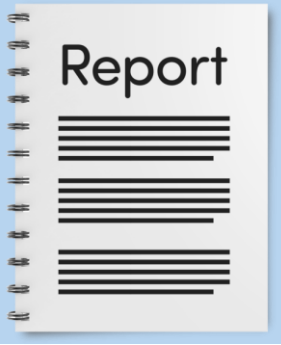

What we will do with what you tell us
We will use what you have told us in a report.
The report will have ideas from lots of people.
The report will help us to make a decision.

We will share the report on our get involved platform:

https://getinvolved.gmintegratedcare.org.uk

If you want to know more, you can:

Come to a meeting (Focus group)

Call, text or WhatsApp us 07786 673762

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Or email us gmhscp.engagment@nhs.net

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