

The consultation into mental health day services, which was completed on October 6th, has not yet resulted in the release of a report. Originally, a vote on the recommendations in the report was scheduled to take place in a cabinet meeting at County Hall on 3rd November, which should have resulted in the report being available around 2 weeks before this date.

However, a letter from David Pearson, Corporate Director - Adult Social Care and Health, dated 13th October, says there is now a new consultation, to include all day services. He states "*As we have just completed a consultation on mental health day services we will make sure that the outcomes of that consultation process are included within the overall review of day services....*"

When we asked why the report was not produced when originally expected, we received this email response on 22nd October:

The report will not be available until the consultation responses have been collated and evaluated and then a report will be produced in time for the 12 January Cabinet Meeting. Papers for that meeting will be published on or around 31 December

Apparently 1000 people took the trouble to understand and reply to the consultation document, and many others contributed in the form of letters, and of course there was a petition of 4000 signatures. That's why some of us asked for the report to be released as soon as possible, not just rolled up with the new day services consultation. We have since heard that the report will be available at the end of November, but we have to wonder what went on behind the scenes.

If you are concerned about what will happen to mental health day services in this County, we ask you to make those concerns known to your own councillor, MP, and in particular to David Pearson and Councillor Kevin Rostance. The address for County Hall is:

Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP.

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The present consultation on day services in general can be found at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/servicereviews