Planning how we spend our money
What do you think?

2017/2018 Financial Planning Savings Plan
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The Western Health and Social Care Trust

The Western Health and Social Care Trust provides health and social care to the people who live in:

- Derry City and Strabane
- Fermanagh and Omagh
- Limavady and Glens

We provide many different services in:

- Hospitals
- Community settings
- People’s own homes
This is an area where many people are poor and have difficulties in many parts of their lives.

However, many people in our area have better health than other parts of Northern Ireland.

But we do have some health problems which are worse than other parts of Northern Ireland:

- Asthma and problems with breathing
- Mental Health conditions
- Smoking
Managing our money

Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland get their money from the UK Government.

The amount of money that we get is going up by a small amount.

But we would need more money if we were going to carry on providing the same services as we have been providing.

The cost of providing our services is going up because:

- There are more older people and more people who have complex health needs
- The price of things is going up
- There are new ways to treat people, so we can help more people. This costs money
We will not have enough money to pay for all the things that we have been doing.

The Western Trust needs to reduce the amount it spends by nearly £12.5 million.

This plan shows how we plan to reduce the amount that we wanted to spend and how we want to spend the money that we have.

Our principles
Principles are the things that are most important when we decide what to do.

When we wrote this plan our 4 main principles were:

- We must make sure people are safe
We must be able to do the things we say we will do

Any changes should not affect the service that people get

These plans should not change the things we have been trying to do to improve health in Northern Ireland

What do you think?
We want to know what you think about these plans.

Please read through this document and answer the questions.

Please send back your answers by Thursday 5th October.
Our plans

Some of our plans will mean no change to services, or only a small amount of change.

Other plans may mean a big change to services.

No change or a small change to services

We plan to spend less on buying things for the trust.

We may not replace all the people who leave from jobs like administration and cleaning.

We will speed up some projects that will help us to work better for less money.
We will raise more money from car parks at hospitals.

These changes will reduce the money that we need to spend by over £3 million.

Changes that will affect services

- In some places we plan to reduce the amount that we have been spending on doctors and nurses from outside the trust.

  This will mean that we will close about 30 beds in hospitals.

  We will work harder so that people don’t stay in hospital longer than they need.
- We plan to only do half as many day treatments at Altnagelvin and South West Acute Hospital. Instead we will try do more at Omagh Hospital.

- We plan to stop using temporary doctors for specialist work.

- We plan to change the rules which say when you can have a home care worker. We will keep home care workers for people who really need them. We will stop providing this support for some people.

- We plan to save some money by moving services into one building. We plan to move the services at William Street and Rectory Fields Residential Homes into one building.
We also plan to bring the day services at Gortin, Dromore and Rosslea into one place.

- We plan to delay replacing staff who leave in care and older people’s services
- We plan to slow down the start of some new services to save money
- We plan to make some changes to 2 services to save some money. These are:
  - Services for babies that need special care
  - How we assess older people in our hospitals

These changes will reduce the money that we need to spend by about £9.5 million.
Being fair to everyone

Our plans must be fair to people of different:

- Religious beliefs.

**Religious beliefs** are where people are part of different faiths like Christianity, Islam, Judaism and many others.

- Political opinions

**Political opinions** are where people feel strongly about the different parties in the government or local council.

- Race

- Age
Sexual orientation

Sexual Orientation is when people are attracted to someone of the same sex or the opposite sex.

We must give an equal chance to:

- Men and women and people who are transgender

Transgender is where someone has changed their gender.

People who are married, single, divorced or living together

People with and without a disability

People with and without children or other people who depend on them.
What do you think?

Are you answering these questions...

☐ As an individual person?

☐ For a group?

About you

You don’t have to give us this information - but if you do we will be able to tell you that we have received your comments.

Your name

Your job

The organisation

Your address

Your telephone number

Your email
**Question 1:** Do you think that our plans will reduce our spending in the way we want?

**Question 2:** Do you think that there are other, different ways that we could reduce spending?

**Question 3:** Are there things we could do so that patients, service users, staff and carers are affected less?
Question 4: Do our plans affect people in an equal way? Are there any groups of people who would be treated worse than others because of our plans?

Question 5: Will people who live in the countryside be affected worse than people who live in towns because of our plans?

Question 6: Have you any other comments?
Thank you

Thank you for giving us your views.

Please send them back by Thursday 5th October 2017 by post to:

Equality & Involvement Team, Tyrone & Fermanagh Hospital, 1 Donaghanie Road Omagh BT79 0NS

Come and speak to us

Come to one of our public meetings to tell us more about what you think.

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