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## **NHS partnership announces two additional events for public consultation**

Two additional public discussion events have been announced by the NHS in mid and south Essex, as part of a consultation on proposed changes to some local services.

A number of events have already been held across mid and south Essex and many people have booked places at the remaining events. Now two additional events have been arranged as follows:

### **Southend-on-Sea**

**Time:** 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Date:** Wednesday 7 March

**Venue:** Maritime Room, Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex

### **Mid Essex**

**Time:** 6.30pm-8.30pm

**Date:** Thursday 8 March

**Venue:** Trinity St Mary's School, Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex CM3 5JX

The five clinical commissioning groups (Thurrock CCG, Castle Point and Rochford CCG, Southend CCG, Mid Essex CCG and Basildon and Brentwood CCG) launched a formal public consultation before Christmas on outline plans for the future of health and care services. The proposals are a result of detailed work undertaken by clinical teams across health and care organisations to improve the services provided to the 1.2 million people living in mid and south Essex.

A simple animation has also been developed to help explain what the consultation is about. This can be seen at: <http://bit.ly/STPanimation>

Professor Mike Bewick, independent chair of the CCG Joint Committee, said: "We are thrilled so many people are engaging with this public consultation either through the survey itself or by attending these public discussion events. We continue to listen to local people and where there is clearly a demand for additional events we have made these arrangements. We are also continuing to attend smaller meetings, including resident associations or meetings of specific patient groups, and are collecting a wide range of views and comments."

People can book a place at the events online or over the phone as follows:

Online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/mid-and-south-essex-sustainability-and-transformation-partnership-stp-15872139649>

Phone: 01245 398118

Email: [meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net](mailto:meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net)

People can share their views by:

- completing a survey online or by requesting a printed version
- writing to us
- request a meeting for your group or organisation
- attending a group event through various meetings with patient participation groups and other local representatives, including Healthwatch and the Stroke Association
- booking a place at one of the public discussion events

More information can be found at <http://www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk/>, by phoning (01245) 398118 or emailing [meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net](mailto:meccg.stpconsultation@nhs.net)

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