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From: Daisy Hill Hospital Pathfinder Group Chair, Dr Anne Marie Telford
To: Participants of Community Engagement Meetings

We want to take this opportunity to thank you again for taking part in our community engagement process at the beginning of August.

Following your suggestions and feedback, we have agreed to set up a Pathfinder Community Forum, which will provide a voice for community representatives in the Pathfinder process.

We also wish to extend this invitation to other interested persons within the community/voluntary sector who have not been involved in the engagement process up to now.

The Chairperson of Newry Mourne and Down District Council has agreed that she will jointly chair the Forum, alongside the Patient and Client Council with independent support provided by the Northern Ireland Council on Voluntary Action.

Members of the Forum will be invited to take part in a process to select people to sit on the main Pathfinder group, and the sub groups.

We require four representatives for this role and are suggesting the following criteria:

- People who represent a range of interests:
 - Users/carers
 - Community/voluntary sector
 - Business sector
 - Health and social care interest groups
- Representative of each of the four District Electoral Areas (DEAs) in the area served by Daisy Hill Hospital
- Willing to commit time to the process, which is likely to last 18 – 24 months
- Be prepared to gather views from their own geographical area, and to feedback to the Community.

While we recognise that Trust staff and political representatives have been part of the community engagement process to date, we are keen that this Forum should represent the wider community. Staff and political representatives will be able to continue to contribute to the process through other Trust and Council engagement processes.

The first meeting of the Community Forum will be on Tuesday, September 5th 2017 at 7pm in Newry Arts Centre. The purpose of this initial meeting is to allow the four representatives to be selected. We also aim to identify a wider number of people willing to participate in subgroups.

We would be grateful if you could respond to ehealth@nmandd.org to confirm your attendance.

Thank you again for your interest so far. A full report on the community engagement process and the main issues and themes arising from the meetings is available on the Trust website: <http://www.southerntrust.hscni.net/about/3695.htm>. I hope you find this useful and that we have captured the many views shared with us in the process so far.

Best wishes

Dr Anne Marie Telford
Chair of Daisy Hill Hospital Pathfinder Group