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Dear Councillor,

**Vascular Services at QA**

On behalf of the Governors of Portsmouth Hospital Trust we are writing to ask for your support in the campaign that is seeking a formal public consultation into the proposed reconfiguration of local vascular services. We believe the proposals announced in the recent Local Engagement document amount to a major change of service. As you will be aware, s:244 of the NHS Act 2006 requires NHS bodies to consult the relevant Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee when such a change is likely and s:233 local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act with users and the public.

The Governors consider it crucial that there is the opportunity for all sides of the discussion to be aired in public and for local people to have the opportunity to have an influence over the decision and have their voice heard. A full public consultation will ensure that the process is seen as fair and open and that the outcome can be understood by all.

Yours sincerely,

Syd Rapson, Portsmouth City Constituency  
Ken Thompson, Portsmouth City Constituency  
Dr Robin Marsh, Patient/Carer Constituency  
Lucy Docherty, Fareham and Gosport Constituency