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LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Broomfield & The Walthams

SOS for the NHS

# NHS INQUIRY

## CONTACT DETAILS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## TODAY'S NHS

1. Would you like to be kept informed about any cuts or changes to our local health services?

Yes  (please supply email address above)

2. Do you think local health services have got better or worse in recent years?

- Much better
- A bit better
- About the same
- Slightly worse
- Much worse

3. Which of the following statements do you think applies best to today's National Health Service? (tick all that apply)

- Is well managed and is well funded
- Spends money well
- Gets me the treatment I need quickly
- Is badly managed
- Wastes too much money
- Is slow to deliver care and treatment

4. Who do you think should make decisions about what health services are provided locally?

- Local health boards elected by residents
- Local health professionals
- Local council
- Health Minister in Whitehall
- Unelected body in London
- Other

Rt. Hon. Menzies Campbell MP QC,  
Leader of the Liberal Democrats



Dear Resident,

Labour mismanagement over 10 years has left our health service facing savage cuts.

**The Liberal Democrats are standing alongside residents in the battle to protect vital services across our country.**

We want to build a better NHS for every resident in Britain. But to do this we need your help.

This survey is **YOUR opportunity** to have your say on the state of our NHS.

Please take a few minutes to complete and return the survey. Your details will be kept confidential.

Your responses will enable local Liberal Democrats to take up your concerns with local NHS bosses and fight more effectively to get the best for our local NHS.

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## LOCAL GP SERVICES

5. How often have you consulted an NHS GP at his/her surgery in the past two years?

- Never (please go to Q9)
- Once
- 2-5 times
- More

6. How many days have you had to wait for an appointment?

- 1 day
- 2 days
- 3 -5 days
- Longer \_\_\_\_\_

7. How reasonable do you feel this waiting time has been?

- Very reasonable
- Fairly reasonable
- Not very reasonable
- Totally unreasonable

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## 8. How satisfied have you been with the consultation?

- Very satisfied   
Fairly satisfied   
Not very satisfied   
Not at all satisfied

## 9. How do you rate the 'out of hours' care (evenings and weekends) provided by local doctors?

- Good   
Average   
Poor   
Not used

## OUR LOCAL HOSPITALS

### 10. Have you attended A&E during the last three years?

- Yes   
No (*please go to Q14*)

### 11. Which hospital did you attend (please write name of hospital below)?

(If more than one hospital, put hospital you attended most)

### 12. How long did it take for you to be seen?

- Up to one hour   
1-2 hours   
2-4 hours   
Longer (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. How long did it take for your problem to be diagnosed after being seen?

- Up to one hour   
1-2 hours   
2-4 hours   
Longer (please state) \_\_\_\_\_

### 14. If you have been referred by your GP to a hospital, how long did you wait between being referred by your GP and being seen for the first time by the hospital doctor?

- Haven't been referred (go to Q19)   
Up to two weeks   
2-4 weeks   
1-3 months   
Longer \_\_\_\_\_

### 15. How reasonable do you feel this waiting time was?

- Very reasonable   
Fairly reasonable   
Not very reasonable   
Totally unreasonable

### 16. What was the longest you have waited to receive any treatment which the hospital doctor said you needed? (i.e. an operation or drug therapy)

- Up to four weeks   
1-3 months   
4-10 months   
Longer \_\_\_\_\_

## 17. How do you rate the condition of Broomfield Hospital and its buildings?

- Excellent  Poor   
Good  Very poor   
Average

## 18. The Government is set to approve proposals that will close St. John's Hospital and move those services to Broomfield Hospital instead. What do you think of this move?

- I approve of this   
I do not approve of this

## 19. The new buildings at Broomfield will be designed, built AND run by a private company. The NHS will pay a rent for many years to come and could cost more in the long run. Which is your view:

- I approve of the private sector involvement   
Or: It should be paid for directly from our taxes

## HOSPITAL IN-PATIENTS

### 20. How often have you been admitted to hospital as an NHS in-patient during the last two years?

- Never (*please go to Q28*)   
Once   
Twice   
3-5 times   
More

### 21. Which hospital were you admitted to? (Please write name of hospital below)

(If more than one hospital, put hospital you attended most)

### 22. How satisfied have you been with the nursing you have received? (at the hospital in answer to Q.21 above)

- Very satisfied   
Fairly satisfied   
Not very satisfied   
Not at all satisfied

### 23. How soon after your admission did you see your consultant? (If admitted more than once give longest wait)

- Same day   
Within 2 days   
Longer \_\_\_\_\_   
Never

### 24. How satisfied have you been with the hospital food you have received? (at the hospital in answer to Q.21 above)

- Very satisfied   
Fairly satisfied   
Not very satisfied   
Not at all satisfied  Please give details:-

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25. How clean did you consider the hospital to be? (at the hospital in answer to Q.21)

- Very clean   
Fairly clean   
Not very clean   
Not at all clean

26. Were you aware of any problems with MRSA or other hospital related infections during your stay?

- No   
Yes (please give details)

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27. Overall how did you rate your stay in hospital?

- Very good   
Fair   
Poor   
Very poor

## NHS DENTISTRY

28. Are you registered as an NHS patient with a dentist?

- Yes   
No

29. Have you or anyone in your family experienced any problems in trying to get dental treatment with a local NHS dentist?

- Yes   
No

30. Have you been to a dentist for a check up in the last twelve months?

- Yes   
No

## PRIVATE HEALTH CARE

31. At the last election, the Conservatives wanted to allow some people to *jump waiting lists* by giving them NHS money to go private.

Do you think this would be fair?

- Yes   
No   
No opinion

32. A hip replacement operation costs about £9,000 in the private sector. Under Conservative plans, patients would have to pay over £5,000 of this. Do you think this is fair?

- Yes   
No

## GENERAL HEALTH ISSUES

33. Do you think that mixed sex wards are acceptable?

- Yes   
No   
No opinion

34. The Government has given NHS nurses a pay rise of under 2% this year - a pay cut in real terms. Do you think this is fair?

- Yes  No

35. The Liberal Democrats are campaigning for more screening so that serious illnesses like cancer and heart disease are diagnosed earlier. Do you support these plans?

- Yes  No

36. Generally, how satisfied are you with the way in which the Government is handling the NHS?

- Very satisfied   
Fairly satisfied   
Not very satisfied   
Not at all satisfied

## ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

So that we know this is an accurate sample of local people....

37. Do you have any children in education? (please tick all that apply to your children)

- Nursery or pre-school   
Primary school   
Secondary school   
University

38. Which of the following best describes your home?

- Owned outright   
Own with mortgage   
Rented, Chelmer Housing   
Other social housing   
Privately rented

39. What year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

40. To receive email updates on local Lib Dem campaigns and what your Councillors are doing for you, please provide an email address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER ISSUES

41. Which of the following issues are the THREE most important for you and your family?

- |                |                          |             |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Health         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tackling crime | <input type="checkbox"/> | War in Iraq | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pensions       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Taxes       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Environment    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economy     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transport      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

42. It's over four years since Labour and the Conservatives took Britain to war in Iraq. Do you support their war?

- Yes   
No

43. If you have had to call the Police in the last two years, how satisfied were you with the response you received?

- Very satisfied   
Fairly satisfied   
Not very satisfied   
Not at all satisfied

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44. Do you support the Government's plans for compulsory ID cards with a database of all your personal details?

Yes  No

45. Compared to other issues, how important are environmental issues to you?

More important  Less important   
Same as other issues

46. Do you feel that the services provided by our local Council give good value for your council tax money?

Yes  No

47. The Council Tax you pay is not related to your income. Would you prefer to:

Keep Council Tax   
Have a system that is related to ability to pay

48. Does your street or any streets you use have a problem with any of the following?

*Name of street*

Litter and rubbish  \_\_\_\_\_  
Abandoned cars  \_\_\_\_\_  
Broken streetlights  \_\_\_\_\_  
Poor quality pavements  \_\_\_\_\_  
Pot holes in the road  \_\_\_\_\_  
Anti-social behaviour  \_\_\_\_\_

49. Which party would you be most likely to vote for if there was a General Election tomorrow?

Liberal Democrats  Green   
Labour  UK Independence   
Conservative  Never vote   
Lib Dem or Labour   
Lib Dem or Conservative

Thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this survey. It will help us to better represent you!

## How to return your Survey

Returning this survey is easy and costs nothing!

Fill in the survey, put it in an envelope and post it to:

**Broomfield & The Walthams NHS Inquiry**  
**Liberal Democrats**  
**FREEPOST CL2702**  
**Stansted CM24 8BR**

You do not need to use a stamp, but if you do it will mean we can spend more money on our campaigns.

# Save our NHS



Lib Dem Leader Ming Campbell believes that the Labour Government should stop interfering in the day-to-day work of health professionals.



Hospitals and vital care services are under threat across the country.

It is the worst round of cuts since the last Conservative Government.

They should: stop the cuts, cut out the waste and give us more of a say about our NHS.

## Help the Lib Dems win for our NHS

With your support, we can fight to protect and improve our local NHS.



- I will display a poster at the next election
- I would like to vote by post in future
- I would like to contribute to the cost of this survey: £5  £10  £20  Other £

Please make cheques payable to "Liberal Democrats".

(A donation of £9 or more entitles you to membership of the Liberal Democrats Please tick here if you do not want to become a member. )

## It's a two horse race

**Con**  
**45%**

**Lib**  
**Dem**  
**35%**

It's Lib Dem or Conservative here in Broomfield & The Walthams.

**Lab**  
**14%**

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