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## Crispin Blunt seeks public support for Epsom & St Helier hospital trust's new acute care hospital proposal

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Friday, 1 September, 2017

Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust (E&SHT) needs public support for its proposal to create a new Specialist Acute Care Facility which will provide 21ST century solutions to acute health care needs in the Trust area. There are three options open for the possible location of this facility but, at this stage, the Trust has to demonstrate the advantages and demand for a dedicated Specialist Acute Care Facility in principle.

Crispin Blunt MP fully supports this proposal:

“Having met with the Chief Executive and Senior Managers from E&SHT today, I am convinced that it is essential to have a new acute care facility, otherwise the hospital service provided to my constituents north of Reigate and Redhill faces inevitable long term decline. The current facilities are out of date and the recruitment of doctors and nurses is increasingly challenging. It is absolutely essential that as many residents as possible respond to the consultation. The public need to show their support for the proposal to

add weight to the argument for new, improved, life-saving, acute care facilities in order to prevent this unique opportunity from being lost. Whilst the requirement for this service seems blindingly obvious, there are groups in the St Helier area arguing that current local provision should be maintained and that a new acute care facility is not necessary.

For those who are unsure about the implications of supporting the proposal, I would recommend reading the information that is posted on the consultation web-site: <https://epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk/epsom-and-st-helier-2020-2030> before responding.

Furthermore, in partnership with Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, I will be chairing a public meeting at the Banstead Community Hall on Friday 29th September from 6.30-7.30pm, where the public will be able to find out more about the proposal and ask questions to E&SHT."

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