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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Maternity Service in Grampian**

NHS Grampian would like to hear the views of women, families, the public, staff and other interested parties on proposals for the maternity service in Grampian.

An Option Appraisal was carried out earlier this year as one part of a wider, ongoing review of the NHS Grampian maternity service. The review aims to support staff to continue to improve the quality of care they provide to women and families, both now and in the future.

The Option Appraisal group involved women, clinicians and managers, working together to consider different ways the maternity service could be provided. The Board of NHS Grampian has now discussed the Option Appraisal results and has agreed to conduct a formal consultation on the proposals.

The consultation paper (full and summary version attached) explains the proposals. It is being circulated widely, for example, to women and families, voluntary organisations, Community Councils, MPs and MSPs, libraries and community centres.

NHS Grampian would like to give everyone an opportunity to comment on the proposals and will also consider other suggestions put forward during the consultation. You can give your views in a number of ways by:

- Completing the feedback questionnaire
- Emailing your comments to [nhsq.consult@nhs.net](mailto:nhsq.consult@nhs.net)
- Sending your comments by post to *Freepost, NHS Grampian*.
- Attending one of the staff briefing sessions
- Coming to one of the community open meetings being held across Grampian

The community meetings are open to members of the public and will offer an opportunity to find out more about, and give views on, the proposals. Meetings will be held in **Aberdeen, Aboyne, Banff, Elgin, Fraserburgh, Huntly, Inverurie, Peterhead** and **Stonehaven**. Details of the meetings will be finalised before Christmas.

To request more copies of the consultation paper (full or summary version) and feedback questionnaire, or to find out about your nearest open meeting:

- Go to [www.nhsgrampian.org/maternityreview](http://www.nhsgrampian.org/maternityreview)
- Email [nhsq.consult@nhs.net](mailto:nhsq.consult@nhs.net)
- Phone 01224 550950

The consultation paper and feedback questionnaire are available in large print and on computer disk. Other formats and languages can also be supplied on request. Please phone 01224 550950 or email [nhsq.consult@nhs.net](mailto:nhsq.consult@nhs.net).

All responses to the consultation must be received by **22 March 2012**.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elinor Smith".

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