

**PUBLIC QUESTION RECEIVED BY THE WELLBEING AND HEALTH
SCRUTINY BOARD**

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Question received from Bess Harding, on 28 October 2015

Will we have an acute stroke unit at Epsom, what is the plan if we don't? Epsom also has a good rehab unit it is quiet and nurses answer bells quickly.

The alternative is a journey of 45 minutes to East Surrey Hospital. Ambulances and crews cost money – return journey will probably be 3 hours. Ambulances will be returning stroke patients within 72 hours to their home hospital – may not be acute ambulance but it still costs money. Families who do not have transport will be faced with 2 hour bus journeys in each direction. Taxis are £30 each way minimum. How many people can afford that for 3 or more days?

Why can't this money be used to employ 1.5 or even 2 more extra consultants at Epsom and then it would comply with consultant ward rounds at weekends?

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