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Dear Colleague,

**Public consultation on proposals for the future location of very specialist cancer treatment services for children**

We are writing to inform you that NHS England's 12 week consultation on proposals for the future location of very specialist cancer treatment services for children who live in south London and much of south east England has now closed.

We are grateful for all the responses we received, many of which came from children and young people with experience of cancer or their families, and from staff who look after children and young people. Thank you for your support with promoting the consultation, encouraging people to have their say and ensuring we hear from as many people as possible. This letter outlines our plans now that the consultation has closed. Further information will be available on the consultation website over the coming weeks and months.

**Next steps**

Feedback about our proposals received as part of the consultation is being independently analysed and written up into a report. The report will be made publicly available on our website.

The decision about the future location of the children's cancer centre and radiotherapy services will be taken by NHS England leaders for London and South East regions.

Taking in account work undertaken during the pre-consultation options development and evaluation phases, they will consider the feedback and additional evidence that came forward during the consultation. Alongside this, they will consider all other relevant information, including the equality and health inequalities impact assessment, the environmental assessment, and feedback from other sources such as local government.



The decision is currently expected to be taken in spring 2024. There will be no sudden changes to how children and young people receive care. The future Principal Treatment Centre would not be ready until at least 2026.

We will continue to work closely with staff in the current service, patients and their families, all the Trusts involved, the cancer network, the Institute of Cancer Research, and other partners to ensure that the move to the future site, wherever it is, is as smooth as possible.

### Get in touch

If you would like more information about the consultation, please visit our website:  
[www.transformationpartners.nhs.uk/childrenscancercentre](http://www.transformationpartners.nhs.uk/childrenscancercentre)

You can also email us on [england.childrenscancercentre@nhs.net](mailto:england.childrenscancercentre@nhs.net)

Best wishes,



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