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### **Come along and have your say**

Kirkburton, Holmfirth and Halifax will be the locations for drop in sessions to give people the chance to talk about future plans for NHS in the area.

The events, which are part of a series of drop-in sessions across Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield, will run until June 12.

Chief Officer at Greater Huddersfield CCG, Carol McKenna, said: "These events are aimed at giving people the opportunity to share their views on how they think the NHS in the area should look in the future.

"We understand there is concern about the possibility of change however this needs to be balanced with what will happen if nothing changes.

"The Clinical Commissioning Group, which is responsible for making decisions on these issues, will only make ones which result in improvements in care for our population.

"We want to be sure the ideas for change reflect the public's views and we are keen to hear how services should be shaped.

"We only take decisions about significant service changes following the appropriate engagement activities and a public consultation."

As part of the drop in session the public will be able to talk to NHS providers, such as the hospital, and give their views on the future of NHS services.

The local Clinical Commissioning Group will also present their plans for the future and listen to people's ideas and suggestions on how best to deliver those plans.

The information gathered will help commissioners understand how the public see the future of NHS services. This information will help the Clinical Commissioning Group develop a clear set of proposals with the public voice at the centre of those plans. Any future proposals will have to be subject to a public consultation before any decision is made.

Drop in sessions will take place at The Hub in Kirkburton on June 5, Hansen Lane Enterprise Centre in Halifax on June 9, New Beginnings in Halifax on June 10, Holmfirth Civic Hall on June 11 and Todmorden Health Centre on June 12. They all start at 2pm to 7pm.

People who are not able to come along can share their views by filling in a questionnaire on the website [www.rightcaretimeplace.co.uk](http://www.rightcaretimeplace.co.uk)

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