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**Subject:** Consultation Document launched on Assisted Conception policy

## **Consultation Document launched on Assisted Conception policy**

From today people across Dorset are being asked for their views on a Consultation Document which proposes changes to the existing Assisted Conception policy.

Part of an ongoing process which began in April 2014 with local GPs, the nine week public consultation will seek views from local people up until Friday 15th August 2014.

Dr Karen Kirkham, Local GP and Clinical Lead for Maternity, Reproduction and Family Health with NHS Dorset CCG said “Over the coming weeks we are asking people to consider our Consultation Document which details proposed changes and the reasons for them. We would then like people to let us know what they think by responding to a series of questions.

During this period we are also continuing our work with GP practices, consultants and other colleagues and partners so their views can also help inform future plans for the service.

We appreciate that assisted conception is a very emotive subject and are keen to stress that this is a Consultation Document and that no decisions have been made; however with health budgets coming under increased pressure nationally we do need to look at what we offer currently and ensure it is right for local people

At the end of the nine weeks we will consider all feedback we have received and develop a final recommendation”.

A copy of the Consultation Document is available via the NHS Dorset CCG website - [www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk](http://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk) - along with a link to an online survey where anyone registered with a Dorset GP practice or living in Dorset can give their feedback.

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