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A new community hospital for the Forest of Dean

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Background

- Forest of Dean health and care services review launched in 2015
- Forest of Dean Locality Reference Group established to support the review
- Feedback and engagement informed our Case for Change and our proposal for the future for community hospital services

Public Consultation

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We asked people's views on:

- Our preferred option for a new community hospital for the Forest of Dean
- The criteria we should use to help decide where any new hospital could be located
- How a recommendation should be made on any preferred location

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Location, location, location…..

What is a citizens' jury?

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- Deliberation, not debate
- Engage people in decisions that affect them
- Public policy decisions are often complex and based on evidence and values – raise public awareness
- Provides transparency to the process
- Opportunity to do things differently: "Bringing people with us"

Particular challenges

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- Hospital location is a controversial topic where there are strong local loyalties
- Backdrop of legal challenge and the need to be comprehensive
- Recruiting a fair cross-section of citizens to choose a location for Forest of Dean District residents as a whole
- Providing a fair and relevant balance of information to the jury
- Being as open and transparent as possible whilst protecting jurors

Design of the jury

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- One main question plus subsidiary questions
- A wide range of evidence required
  - Impartial witnesses
  - Representatives from 3 towns presenting arguments
- Protecting against bias
  - Two independent facilitators
  - 3 towns given the same witness briefing, time, etc.
  - Open to public observers
  - Everything published online
  - Independent oversight panel

Jury recruitment

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- Advertised on Indeed, radio, local papers, public engagement booklet, posters – £470 payment offered
- 218 applications from people in Forest of Dean District (checked against FoD District postcode file)
- Shortlisted to provide mix by age, gender, ethnicity, educational attainment, employment status, postcode
- Telephone interview – 3 withdrew, no one rejected
- 18 jurors plus 5 reserves selected
- Addressing self-selection bias


Much Dewchurch
Hoarwithy
A49
A449
M50
Redmarley D'Abitot
Tewkesbury
A46
M5
Newent
A417
Hartpury
Ross-on-Wye
A4137
A40
Mitcheldean
Cheltenham
Gloucester
Symonds Yat
A48
Brockworth
A436
Quedgeley
Monmouth
Clearwell
Frampton on Severn
Cotswolds AONB
River Severn
Stroud
Trelleck
Lydney
Tintern
Berkeley
A38
Nailsworth
Dursley
Chepstow
Wotton-under-Edge
Tetbury
A429
A433

Matching demographic

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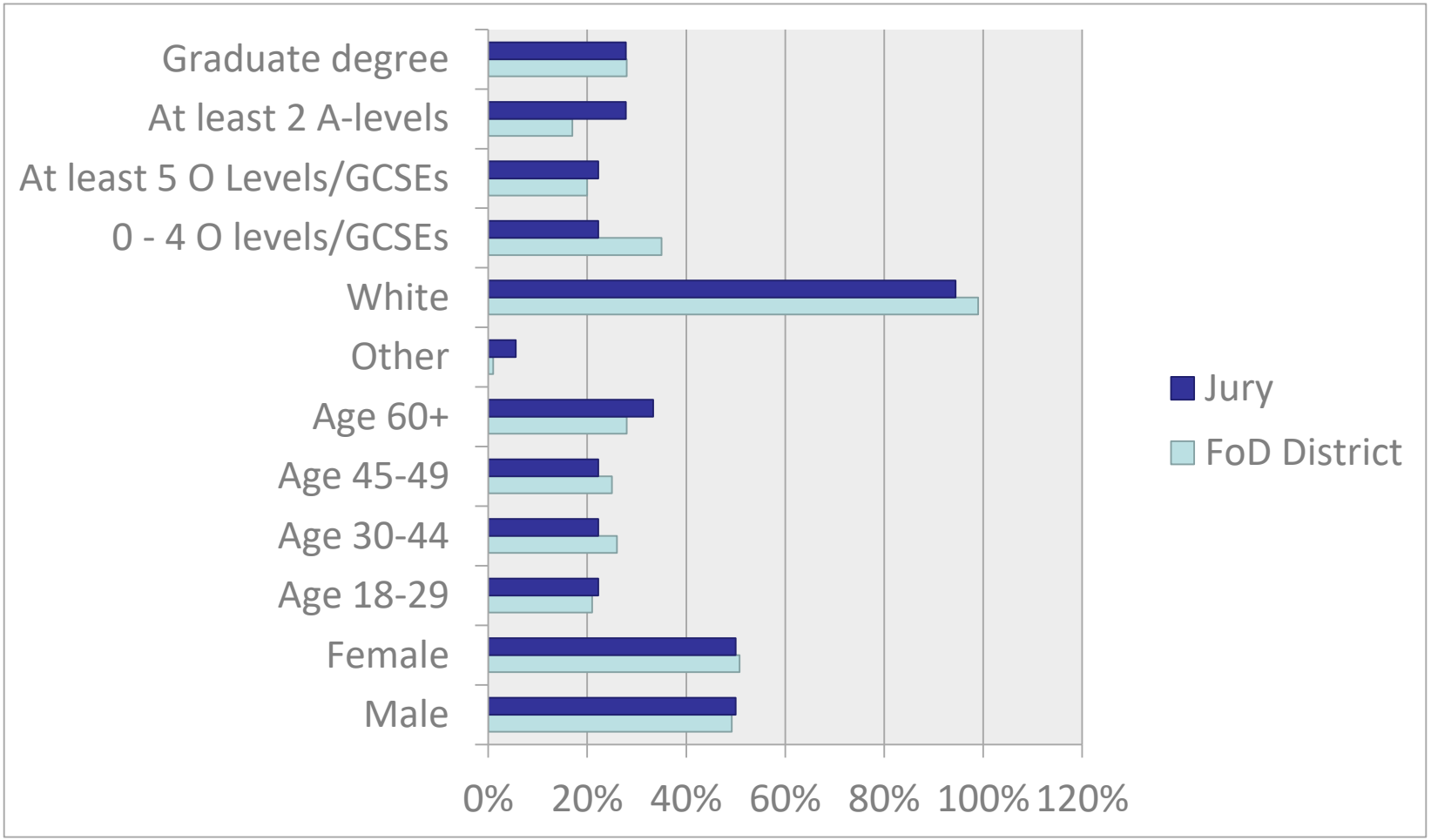

Being open to the public

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- Public observers could watch but not speak to jurors etc.
- Witness slides and other jury materials released online and in ring binders for observers each morning
- A couple of exercises in private
- Local newspapers and BBC filming on day 1, and again on day 5

https://citizensjuries.org/citizens-juries-2/forest-of-dean-citizens-jury/

Decision making

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- Clear accountability
- Supplementary Vote System
- Important that the Governing Body/Board reviewed the same evidence as the Jury
- Joint seminar received presentations:
    - Engagement
    - Travel analysis
    - Equality Impact Assessment
    - Jury decision

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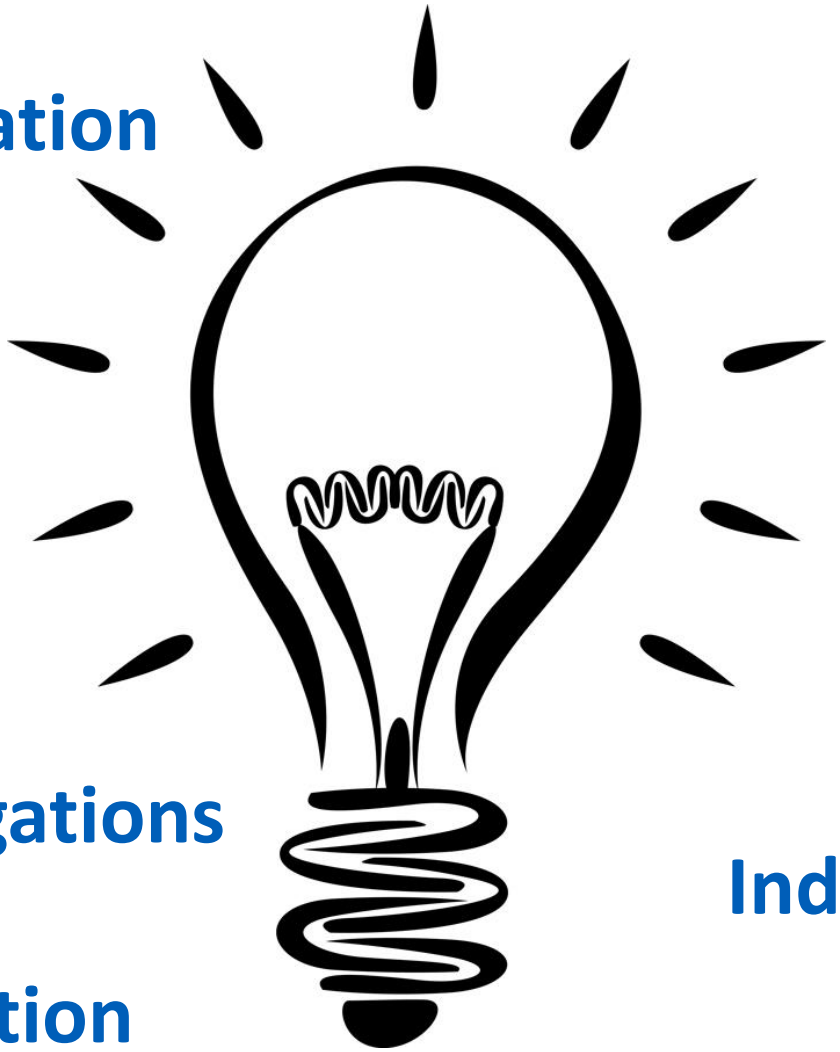
Documentation

Involvement

Time

Legal obligations

Communication



Transparency

Funding

Plan

Independence

Expect the unexpected…

Final words:

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