Dear Stakeholder,

Covid-19 has changed the way we deliver and access healthcare services.



As we look to recover and rebuild, we want to widen our network of public involvement support and reach in to all areas of the Borders community. We want to hear from you if you have anything at all to say about health.

That way we can coproduce our approach to

public involvement to ensure that it is inclusive, effective, fit for purpose and can be adapted to meet the changing needs of our communities as we emerge from the pandemic.

Our aim is to establish a reference group of at least 200 people of varied age, background, location, interests in or experience of health conditions. You might have faced barriers in accessing healthcare, you might be part of a community you feel is under represented or seldom asked to express your views.

We would really appreciate it if you could share this message with your contacts and members. In the first instance we are just asking people to get in touch which they can do in the following ways.

- By email to public.involvement@borders.scot.nhs.uk
- By phoning 0800 731 4052 (free of charge) you may need to leave a message
- Or by sending us a note in the post to Public Involvement, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS

If you have any questions or would like further detail please don't hesitate to contact myself or <u>Carol Graham</u>

Kind regards

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