

Consultation response

Question 1: We would like to know in what context you are responding. Please choose one of the following:

I am responding as:

- a) an individual who experiences chronic pain
- b) a family member or carer of someone who experiences chronic pain
- c) a health professional
- d) an organisation representing people who experience chronic pain
- e) other stakeholder (please tell us in the comments box below)

Question 2: Please choose your preferred option (Chapter 2 provides details).

- Option 1 – a centre of excellence in a single location
- Option 2 – a service delivered by local chronic pain clinicians
(supported by other clinical advisors in another part of the country)
- Option 3 – a service delivered in different locations
(by a team of chronic pain specialists – an outreach or roving service)

Please tell us why this is your preferred option in the comments box below. The factors listed in Chapter 2 of the consultation paper may help you.

This would offer a service that would bring together patients with similar characteristics for example, underlying condition or age.

It would provide a service that would offer peer support which is sustained after treatment is complete.

Offering a service that will bring together the range of clinic staff where treatments are tailored for individual needs

Question 3: Are there any of the options you disagree with? (If No, move straight to Question 4.)

If yes, please tell us which one(s) in the comments box, and why?

Yes - I strongly disagree with the Scottish Government's intention to close or centralise The Glasgow Homoeopathic Hospital at Gartnavel Royal.

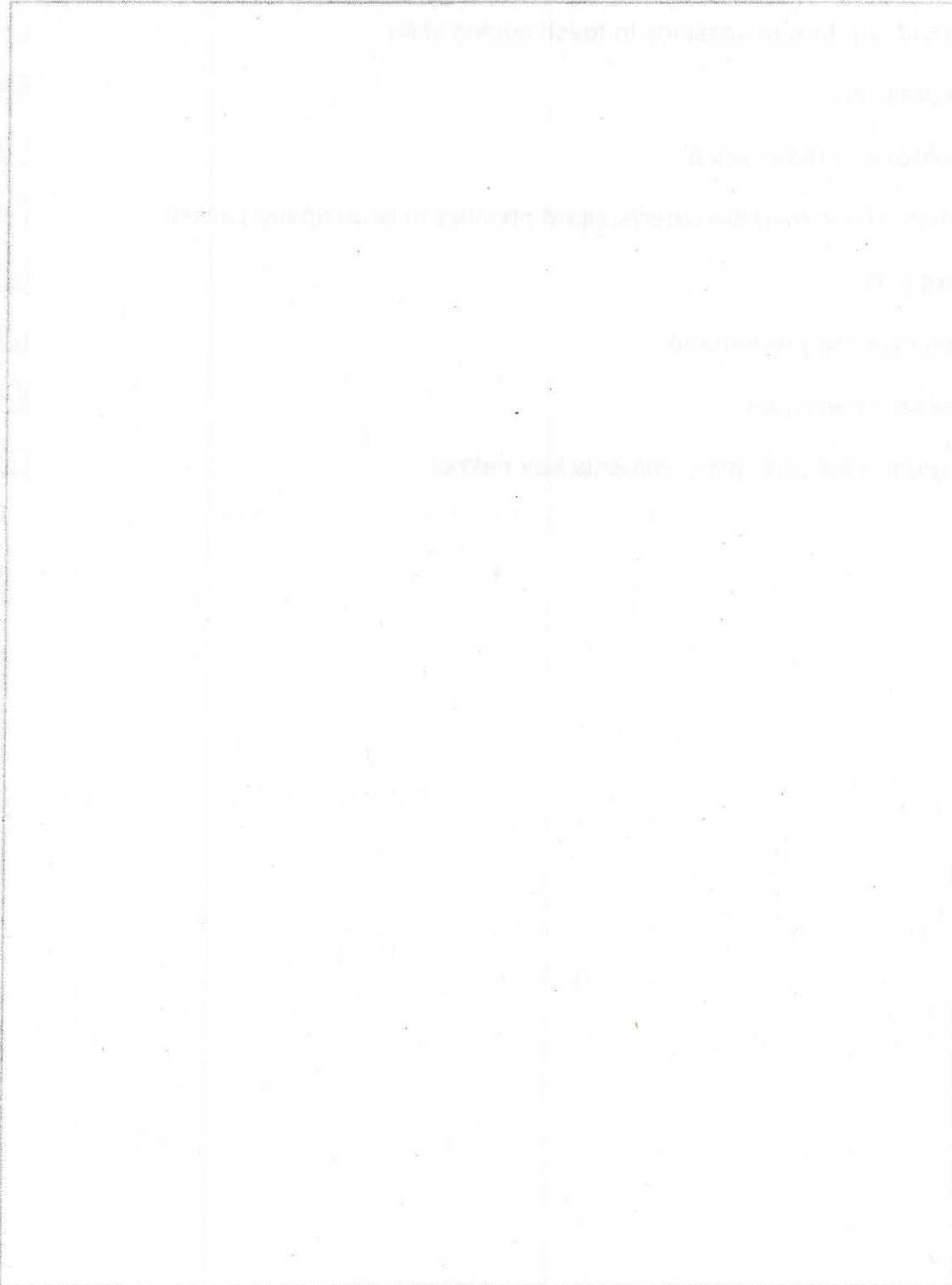
Question 4: If you have other ideas that have not been covered, please tell us about these in the comments box below. You may want to include the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The advantages for The Glasgow Homoeopathic Hospital to remain where it is at present are: The location - easy access - central. Outstanding support & treatment within this Hospital.

Peer support and clinic advice is beneficial to those who suffer with chronic pain/illnesses.

Question 5: What do you think the barriers are to accessing a residential pain management service? (For example, distance away from family, work or family commitments, upfront travel costs.)

Please list as many as you wish in the comments box below and include any others that are important to you.

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Question 6: Please choose from the list below which aspects of residential pain management services should be included in a Scottish service.

(choose as many as apply)

A chronic pain assessment



Supported one-to-one sessions to teach coping skills



Group sessions



Residential accommodation



Opportunity for immediate carer/support provider to accompany patient



Peer support



Tailored exercise programme



Medication assessment



Other (please tell us in the comments box below)



Question 7: Irrespective of the final service model selected, should access to the current service provided in Bath (or elsewhere in the UK) be retained for occasional use?

Yes No Don't Know

Question 8: Have you previously attended, or supported someone attending a residential service outside Scotland?

Yes (please answer Question 9)

No (please move straight to Question 10)

Question 9: If you have attended, or supported someone attending a residential service outside Scotland, please tell us about any advantages and disadvantages of the experience.

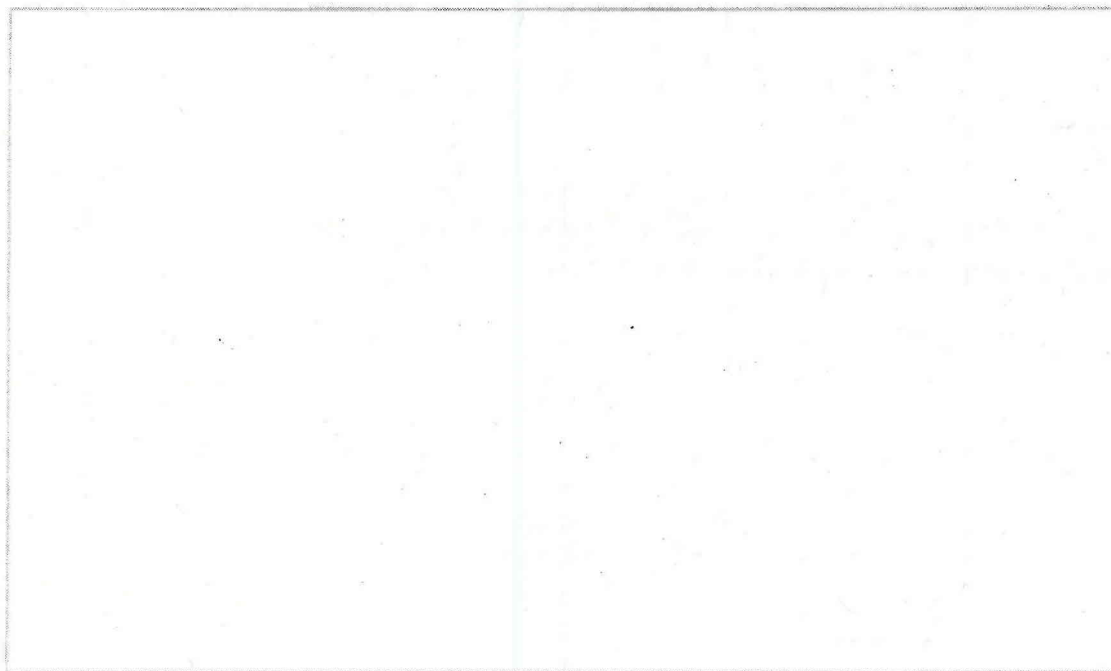
Question 10: If you, or someone close to you, has been offered but declined a residential service outside Scotland what were the reasons for this?

Have never been offered residential service outside Scotland. However, this would be unrealistic for me due to chronic/pain illnesses.

I would be unable to travel and would not be able to cover costs financially even if costs were supplemented.

Also, I believe that visits to the Glasgow Homeopathic Hospital by my family and in conjunction with my treatment are beneficial for my well being.

Question 11: If you wish to add any further comments on issues raised in the consultation paper or current chronic pain services in Scotland, please use the comments box below.



(End of questions. If you require more space to write answers, you may submit as many additional pages as you wish. If doing so, please clearly state the question numbers that your answers relate to.)