

A Consultation Conundrum

Another consultation, another consultation document, another consultation conundrum!

The patient figures are wrong and misleading.

We have four known patient figures, three from the consultation document and one from the Medical Director's recently quoted figure in the Hastings Observer of 15 patients a day or 5,460 per annum.

Consultation Document : Page 19: 3,850

Page 60: 3,484

Page 61: 4,628

Andy Slater's Quoted: 5,460

It seems incredible that, with all the data available they are unable to agree on the effected patient figure. The difference between the lowest Consultation document figure and Andy Slater's figure is 1,976 or 36.2%.

The percentages quoted on page 21 are wrong:

The number of people who use our hospitals every year using the percentages page 21.

HR General Surgery                      525,000 x 0.34% = 1785

HERR Orthopaedic General Surgery 525,000 X 0.18% = 945

Stroke                                      525,000 X 0.05% = 262

Total: 2,992

document (page 19 ) will effect approximately 3,850 - We seem to have lost 858 patients!

We felt the percentages on page 21 related to one of the quoted figures and have endeavoured to make sense of them by calculating all the known figures using both the total of 525,000 all patients and the 95,000 inpatients.

A relationship to the percentages quoted on page 21 was found using the Medical Directors figure of 5,460.

EHR General Surgery                      95,000 inpatients x 3.4% = 3,230

EHER Orthopaedic Surgery              95,000 inpatients x 1.8% = 1,750

Stroke                                      95,000 inpatients x .547% = 520

Total 5,460

Move the decimal point and suddenly there is clarity where there was confusion, we believe that the first calculations were calculated by using 5,460 effected patients and 95,000 inpatients. The difference between the 3,850 figure used and 5,460 is 1,610 or 29.5%.

How can people give an informed view on the proposals if the consultation document contains misleading and inaccurate information.

Nobody underestimates the challenges facing the ESHT, but surely, is it not better to work with the populace, rather than lose its trust with everything they do and say, being viewed with scepticism.