

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING – 23 OCTOBER 2013**

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Question by: Ms Dede Wilson

To: Cabinet Member for Community Care

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**QUESTION**

“Neither SaHF nor LBHF tackled the issue of third world voting in the Consultation through open electioneering in Option A preferred hospitals, with blue voting cards and instructions on every department reception desk at CW Hospital when other hospitals were kept in the dark. *Trust News* had guidelines for simple voting to save CW hospital whilst LBHF and SaHF knew other hospitals were not allowed to do the same. They did not monitor this third world electioneering. How can the Consultation be considered in any way valid in view of this and when only 628,384 leaflets were distributed out of 8,000, 000 people in NW London and none were distributed in LBHF?”

**Answer**

This is a question for North West London NHS rather than the Council because the Council played no part in the consultation other than as a respondent.

Indeed, we were highly critical of the consultation and the way it was constructed.

However, there comes a time when you realise that criticism alone does not work. That is why we decided to get round the table with the NHS to win concessions on behalf of our residents.