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<b>CONSULTATION:</b>	A Consultation on the provision of specialist residential chronic pain services in Scotland
<b>ORIGINATING SOURCE:</b>	Scottish Government
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## ANNEX A – RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

### A consultation on the provision of specialist residential chronic pain services in Scotland



#### RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

**Please note** this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

#### 1. Name/Organisation

##### Organisation Name

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

**Title** Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Dr ☐ **Please tick as appropriate**

##### Surname

##### Forename

#### 2. Postal Address

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#### 3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

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**Please tick as appropriate**

Group/Organisation



(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

**Please tick as appropriate**

☐ Yes ☐ No

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

## 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) ☒

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**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.

Option 1 – a centre of excellence in a single location.

The group considered this option was most likely to be able to consistently deliver all the components of a tertiary referral specialist pain service, with the proviso that this should not be at the expense of continuing to develop and improve local pain service provision. It is important that the latter are equally available to patients in every Scottish health board.

The advantages of this model are : the ability to develop a true centre of excellence, the opportunity for more integrated multi-disciplinary working and peer support, enhanced ability to provide teaching and training and to create an environment where audit and research is actively promoted. All of these aspects are likely to further drive up standards.



Medication assessment

✓☐

Other (please tell us in the comments box below)

✓☐

Full disabled facilities need to be available in any residential component considered.  
Opportunity for immediate carer/support provider to receive information, education and support regarding the pain management program.

**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.**

One of our group has experience of referring patients to such a service. The main advantage is access to a service not currently available to patients in Scotland. A perceived disadvantage is the subsequent lack of integration, communication and active involvement of the local centre by the specialist centre.

**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?**

Not applicable.

**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.**

The group were concerned that the consultation document did not provide a review of the evidence base comparing outcome data for the residential and the outpatient approach to the delivery of specialist chronic pain services. No cost appraisal for any of the options was presented, nor was there any indication of the numbers of patients likely to use the service.