The Forest of Dean Citizens’ Jury has been Recruited

The citizens’ jury to recommend the location of the new community hospital for the Forest of Dean begins at 13.00 to 17.00 on 30 July, and then continues from 09.30 to 17.00 from 31 July to 3 August 2018. The opportunity for local people to be part of the citizens’ jury was advertised in a variety of places, and 218 people living within the Forest of Dean District applied. The 18 members of the citizens’ jury have now been selected. 5 reserve jurors have also been recruited. An email has been sent to all unsuccessful candidates.

The selection process for the citizens’ jury was designed to select a broadly representative sample of adults living in the Forest of Dean District. The graph below shows how the mix of gender, age, ethnicity and educational attainment of the 18 jury members compares to that of the population of the Forest of Dean District (based on the last census).

As this citizens’ jury is about the location of a new hospital, a particularly important criterion for selecting people for this jury was postcode of residence. A good spread of postcodes was achieved, balancing geographic spread across the Forest of Dean District with population density. The postcodes of the 18 jury members are illustrated on the map overleaf.

As they are not official or elected representatives, the identity of the members of the citizens’ jury will not be made public. Citizens Juries CIC will not publish or release any juror’s name without their express consent. This allows jurors, particularly those who do not wish to comment on their experience publicly, to remain free from enquiries from the media and the general public throughout the event. It also protects jurors from being approached and/or put under pressure by individuals or organisations seeking to influence them and/or the overall outcome of the event.
Postcode map for the 18 jurors selected for the Forest of Dean citizens' jury (as at 3 July 2018)