

# Equality Scheme Consultation Event

Come along and tell us your views on  
Tuesday 14 September 2010.

10.15am - 1.00pm (includes light lunch)

Venue: The Hub, Tooting & Mitcham Football Club

We look forward to welcoming you!



To book your place please contact  
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## What is the purpose of this event?

NHS Sutton and Merton's vision is 'Faster, Safer, **Fairer**, Nearer'. We are responsible for planning, developing and funding health services for local residents. The purpose of this event is to engage with and gather feedback from patients, staff, partners and the public on proposals for our new Equality Scheme.

## What is an Equality Scheme?

It is a commitment to ensure that an organisation is getting rid of discrimination, promoting fairness and dealing with inequalities. It also helps meet legal responsibilities around Equality and Human Rights. We have developed a consultation document which gives more information about our plans, which can be found at: [www.suttonandmerton.nhs.uk](http://www.suttonandmerton.nhs.uk).

## Who is affected by the Equality Scheme?

In short, everyone! Equality Groups (now known as 'protected characteristics') include:

- Age
- Gender
- Religion or belief (inc. lack of belief)
- Transgender
- Disability
- Race and ethnicity
- Sexual orientation

## Who should attend this event?

Anyone with an interest in equality, diversity and human rights. This includes patients, members of the public, staff and NHS partners.

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