**Methods supplementary information for ‘Transforming healthcare’ article**

Policy documents analysed are listed in table a. Our tasks including understanding key differences in terminology between the four systems. These documents were identified by web searching and later supplemented with suggestions from interviewees.

These searches were supplemented with snowballing and advice from our research funder to identify key individuals and organisations to approach for interview in each system. Details of interviewees are given in table 1 (main article). The only key gaps in our interviewing are the national Board of Community Health Councils or the National Clinical Forum in Wales (both of which we made repeated efforts to contact). Of 26 national interviewees, 9 were interviewed by author 1 and 17 by author 2. 18 interviewees were interviewed in person and eight by telephone. At the request of the interviewees, 4 were interviewed in pairs with a colleague. Interviews were audio-recorded except for two cases where the device failed and one where the interviewee did not agree to recording: detailed notes from these interviews were taken. Questions covered the interviewee’s role in public involvement and major service change, key developments in policy for involving the public in service change, perceived strengths and weaknesses of the current system, and finally, examples where involving the public in major service change had gone ‘well’ or ‘badly’.

We conducted interviews across all case studies; identifying staff who had played key roles in the consultation process and members of the public who had been vocally opposed to the proposals. However case study recruitment was more challenging than at the national level. Staff in cases perceived as having gone badly were often reluctant to take part, and in several cases we struggled to contact members of the public active in the process. For case study interviews, 7 people were interviewed by author 1 and 11 by author 3. 3 interviews were conducted by telephone, and the remaining 15 in person. One interview was a group interview with 3 public campaigners. Interview questions covered experiences of the change process, perceptions of what had gone well or badly, and interviewees’ awareness (if any) of the role of national guidance within that.

Following analysis we shared a briefing of preliminary findings with key individuals from the four systems in a roundtable event in September 2016. We then sent a more developed draft briefing of findings and conclusions to all interviewees in December 2016, and presented the findings at a public seminar in January 2017., as well as allowing us to test our interpretations. Feedback highlighted an organisational role we had misunderstood in Northern Ireland, and an alternative interpretation of some of our findings in England. Author 1 conducted a further three interviews to explore these issues further in February 2017 (these interviews are included in the discussion of national interviews above).

Table A: Key policy documents

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| England | Northern Ireland | Scotland | Wales |
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| Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP). (2015*) Independent Reconfiguration Panel: The review process.* Independent Reconfiguration Panel. Available at:  <https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:PtAvWUS0jksJ:https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/461570/000_The_review_process_17.09.15.doc+&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=uk> | Equality Commission for Northern Ireland. (2005)  *Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998: Practical guidance on equality impact assessment.* Equality for Northern Ireland. Available at: <http://www.equalityni.org/ECNI/media/ECNI/Publications/Employers%20and%20Service%20Providers/PracticalGuidanceonEQIA2005.pdf> | Scottish Health Council. (2010a). *Identifying Major Service Change*. Glasgow: Scottish Health Council. Retrieved from http://www.scottishhealthcouncil.org/about\_us/what\_we\_do/service\_change/identify\_major\_service\_change.aspx#.WAyfVkb09qw | The Welsh NHS Confederation, 2015. *The 2016 challenge: A vision for NHS Wales*. Cardiff: The Welsh NHS Confederation. |
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