

Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign



March to Save Hospital Services

**March for the Alternative to Save Essential
Children's A&E, Maternity and
Stroke Services from being downgraded**

Saturday October 14 2017

Form up 11.30am Haven Point Clock Tower

March to South Shields Marketplace

12.30pm Rally Marketplace

Oppose plans to downgrade acute services at South Tyneside Hospital:

- Children and young people's (paediatrics urgent and emergency) services will be downgraded from a 24 hour consultant led service to 12 hours and will be less safe and sustainable to the service we have now.
- Consultant led Maternity services will go to Sunderland. A possible Midwife led unit may remain but no Consultant led services at STH. STH gives one of the best maternity services in England to South Tyneside and will be less safe and sustainable if it is downgraded.
- Special care baby unit closed with nearest service Sunderland. This service is vital for South Tyneside mothers-to-be and vulnerable babies.
- Women's services (gynaecology) covering inpatient surgery where you would need an overnight hospital stay will go to Sunderland.
- Stroke services specifically hospital (acute) care goes to Sunderland with no recommendation that acute stroke and hospital stroke rehabilitation remains at STH.

Whilst the claim is that this is a path to "excellence", it has not had the involvement, or support of most clinicians & staff.

Access to health care is a right of all in a modern society, and we demand that it must be guaranteed.

Our NHS in Crisis

The government's austerity cuts have left a £30bn funding black hole in the NHS and May's minority government, that has no credibility, plans to continue to cut hospital services everywhere. **We demand the restoration of the duty of government** to provide and fund a comprehensive acute and community, physical and mental health service across England to all communities.

Join the Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign

What we stand for is that health care is a right!

We demand that locally accessible district hospitals with a wide range of properly funded acute and A&E services are retained in South Tyneside and Sunderland.

We are opposed to the government's *Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)* that demands cuts of £904 million a year from the health and social care budget for Northumbria, Tyne & Wear and north Durham by 2021.

The commissioners plan three phases of downgrading our acute and Accident & Emergency services at South Tyneside Hospital. The government plans to wreck the NHS and make it more unsafe and unsustainable so as to increase privatisation. Further details can be found on our website:

<http://www.savesouthtynesidehospital.org/>

"The NHS will last as long as there are folk left with the faith to fight for it" – Aneurin Bevan, 1948 at the establishment of the NHS

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