SaveSouthTynesideHospital

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Giving People a Voice on Local and National NHS Services

Last year SSTHC continued to keep on the agenda our concerns about the necessity to restore full maternity services at STDH, restore better stroke rehab in South Tyneside and to oppose making hospital services inaccessible. We opposed the all round crisis in dental services and the increasing handover of diagnostic, ophthalmic and surgical health services for private profit. This has been continued by the incoming Labour government. Successive governments have downgraded hospitals, closed acute & emergency services and closed mental health beds. What this privatised direction has done to both dental services and primary care shows what privatision will do to the NHS as a whole. What will happen next depends on how we can empower ourselves and organise to make a difference and and how we speak out for the future of our health services. This shows that it's vital to continue to build our own organisation to stand up for our hospital services locally and nationally and also to support and call for the health workers and their unions to be empowered to also make the decisions to safeguard the future of our NHS.

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Our regular meetings are open to everyone.
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OUR WORK SO FAR

The fight to save our hospital services started in 2016. We've presented a petition - signed by 44,000 people - to parliament in June 2021. We took the fight to the high court with a judicial review.

We have organised public meetings and demonstrations. During the Phase 1 of the *"Path to Excellence"* we lost access at our hospital to our full maternity services, special care baby unit, consultant-led children's A&E and stroke rehab unit. We did help retain vital services, including our A&E.

SURVEY

In 2022, we conducted a survey on the future of health services in South Tyneside. People overwhelmingly oppose privatisation of our health service, want to re-instate full maternity services at our hospital, paediatric A&E and retain trauma A&E related acute as well as lessening the need travel to Sunderland where we have huge concerns of accessibility for people now for many routine hospital treatments.

PRESENT FOCUS & PHASE-2

Last year received better news that South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust (STSFT) would **no longer proceed with Phase 2** of the *"Path to Excellence"* as it "currently stands". With the present closure of the midwife-led birthing centre at South Tyneside District Hospital we have continued to fight for vital services to be restored at our hospital including full maternity and hospital and community stroke rehab services. We have continued to meet with the Integrated Care Board for the North East North Cumbria and STSFT to discuss our concerns.

OUR POSITION

- **Health care is a right!**
- **We demand locally accessible district hospitals with a wide range of properly funded acute, community and mental health services.**
- **We demand that vital services are retained in South Tyneside and Sunderland.**
- **We demand an end to the marketisation and privatisation of the NHS.**

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Access to health care is a right of all in a modern society; We demand that it be guaranteed.

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