

Press Statement on the Phase 1 Consultation Feedback Analysis Report.
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Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign (SSTHC)

The Chair of SSTHC said today we have submitted our response to the Phase 1 Consultation Feedback Analysis Report that is due by January 8th.

In it we say that: "The whole consultation is skewed towards Sunderland options in the first place, therefore results are inevitably skewed. The report thus seems designed to confuse and segregate opinion."

"The quantitative data (the surveys) tend to support option 1's overall, but it is clear that the strength of this support is primarily in Sunderland, not surprisingly, as these options are the ones that are most centralised on Sunderland. We question the methodology of these surveys."

"However, when you go onto the qualitative findings (i.e. Comments and focus groups), it is clear that none of the options are acceptable as they represent a total downgrading of the services in South Tyneside."

We say that; "any organisation who are genuinely interested in the views of the people of Sunderland AND South Tyneside, must read this report and conclude that none of the proposed options can be implemented that would provide equitable services for the people of South Tyneside."

We conclude; "that the consultant led 24/7 children's A&E, the consultant-led maternity and hospital stroke services are essential services accessed by thousands of people a year and for the 150,000 people who live in South Tyneside they are essential health services that the people have a right to in the here and now."