



PRESS RELEASE

Keep the Horton General's legal challenge

Keep the Horton General (KTHG) is pressing ahead with its legal challenge against the decision by Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust (OUHFT) last Wednesday to suspend Consultant led Maternity services at the Horton General Hospital in Banbury. After discussion with our legal advisors, Leigh Day, KTHG will again write to the Trust in order to persuade it to put on hold any suspension of services until it has properly consulted the public.

We are raising money to contribute towards our campaign costs involved in the legal challenge including the removal of the Special Care Baby Unit, without sufficient public consultation, to the detriment of the large catchment of residents.

Keith Strangwood, Chairman of KTHG, said 'We are following Leigh Day's advice that the Trust has failed to lawfully involve patients in these changes. Expectant mothers and their babies, as well as their families, are set to be significantly impacted. We are committed to this legal challenge in the interests of the whole community'.

Please support this legal challenge and the wider campaign by donating to the fund <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/SaveOurHorton>

'This may be the one and only opportunity we have to save all services at our precious Horton hospital' said Mr Strangwood.

Leigh Day was responsible for successfully stopping attempts by the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, to pave the way for Lewisham hospital to downgrade its A&E department in 2013.

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