



## PRESS RELEASE

### KTHG ask the people of Banbury how they feel about HGH and the plans for its downgrade

Keep the Horton General (KTHG) manned a stall in Banbury market Saturday (yesterday).

Ahead of the closing date for the first 'consultation' it was a last attempt to engage with local residents about the Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group's (OCCG) plans for the future of the Horton.

It was gratifying to hear that people had travelled to Banbury solely to make their voices heard. People from south Northants and south Warwickshire, who have not been consulted, wanted to have their say.

'Nothing that members of Keep the Horton General (and their supporters) did today was confrontational or intimidating' said Keith Strangwood, Chairman of KTHG. 'We have been accused by OCCG and their paid representatives (Qa – rewarded with £8000 to conduct a market research survey in Banbury) of heavy handed tactics'.

'I am delighted to say that between 9am and 3pm , 203 people engaged with us and signed letters to David Smith (CEO, OCCG) pleading that services commensurate with a District General Hospital remain in Banbury. That compares with 160 responses gleaned by Qa, over three days, which was accompanied by the reward of a lottery ticket for taking part'.

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