



## PRESS RELEASE

### Keep the Horton General mount legal challenge

Keep the Horton General (KTHG) has campaigned tirelessly to retain full services at the Horton General Hospital. In 2008 the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) decreed that it did 'not support the ORH's proposals to reconfigure services in paediatrics, obstetrics, gynaecology and the special care baby unit at Horton hospital'.

When the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) presented the same set of proposals in 2016 (that would have far reaching effects on all other services) KTHG and its loyal band of followers sprang into action to fund a legal challenge.

Whilst we have been very cautious about 'showing our cards' we can now announce that, in partnership with Cherwell District Council, South Northamptonshire/ Stratford-on-Avon District/ Banbury Town Councils, KTHG is mounting a legal challenge in opposition to the draconian plans for our District General Hospital.

Keith Strangwood, KTHG Chairman, said 'I am relieved to be able to tell the world what we are doing. We had been advised by our legal advisors to keep our plans under wraps. Now we can formally say - the gloves are off. KTHG will fight every inch of the way to keep full services at our beloved Horton hospital'.

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