

KEEP THE HORTON GENERAL



Wherein lies the truth?

Members of Keep the Horton General (KTHG) were left bemused following the meeting of the Horton Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HHOSC) on Monday 26 November in Banbury Town Hall.

Prior to the meeting, the group had distributed a dossier of 20 birth stories to members of the committee. In fine detail were the difficult, sometimes traumatic, circumstances which labouring mums had experienced at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

A recurring theme was mums being left alone whilst the overstretched midwives cared for other women in labour. Some commented that they had felt abandoned with no support post delivery and had received no guidance re breast feeding.

A senior member of the Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust (OUHFT) informed the meeting that all labouring women received 1:1 from their midwives and that breast feeding advice was very good.

Retired Horton consultant, Peter Fisher, commented 'There is obviously a considerable difference between what the OUHFT hierarchy thinks is happening in the delivery suites and the actuality'.

KTHG welcome the announcement made by Chairman, Cllr Arash Fatemian, that the HHOSC meeting on 19 December will be open to the public and anyone who wishes to address the meeting about their birth experience is actively encouraged to do so.

Information about attending, or speaking at, the meeting can be found on all our social media platforms and our website – details below.

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