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OCCG's paper on the future of the Horton

Not for the first time this month, Keep the Horton General (KTHG), finds itself less jubilant than others about the news to emanate regarding the future of the Horton General Hospital (HGH.) This time it is the recently released paper, to be discussed at next week's Board meeting, of the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

At face value it paints a picture of a secure future for Paediatrics and A&E at the Horton.

Keith Strangwood, Chairman of KTHG, remarks 'the devil is in the detail. What we don't know is the extent of the commitment. How long is it for? Exclusions are hinted at – what are they?'

Retired HGH consultant Peter Fisher, interviewed today by BBC South TV and Radio Oxford, commented 'we welcome it (the OCCG report) as far as it goes but before we claim total victory we want to see it (the proposals) accepted by the Board. In particular how they intend to proceed in terms of Obstetrics and how they will accommodate the views of the public'.

Keith Strangwood emphasised 'KTHG is very keen to be part of any consultation process moving forward. We represent the people of Banburyshire and all we seek is the best possible outcome for them'.

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