



PRESS RELEASE

Keep the Horton General – Clementine’s story

What can happen following a ‘safe’ delivery

Keep the Horton General (KTHG) filmed this video last summer. We resisted releasing it/posting it onto Youtube as we didn’t want to jeopardise the chances of the midwife led unit at the Horton General Hospital (HGH) succeeding.

As we feared at the outset, the midwife led unit (mlu) was left, by Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust (OUHFT), to founder. Numbers have tumbled from 120 to 12 a month because of the lack of onsite consultants.

So we have no choice. Whilst the Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) and OUHFT utilise dubious means to achieve their aims (market research outfit in Banbury 10/11 March, as per previous press release 12 March and glossy spin laden videos to accompany their ‘consultation’ meetings) we want the public to understand the reality of the cynical downgrading of HGH.

This has been systematic and continuous since the Independent Reconfiguration Panel decreed in 2008 that the OUH should ‘change to ensure its service remain appropriate, safe and sustainable’ as far as the Horton was concerned.

‘We urge people to write to the OCCG without delay and tell them why we must have a consultant led unit at the Horton. Please see Key Action 1 on our website’ said KTHG Chairman Keith Strangwood

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgrMcU-EMx4&feature=youtu.be>

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