



PRESS RELEASE

Current status of Keep the Horton General

Keep the Horton General (KTHG) has become aware that there are some misconceptions regarding its status so is providing this official clarification.

KTHG's remit is to try to ensure the best possible health care for the people of the area often referred to as Banburyshire (N.Oxon, S. Northants and S. Warwickshire).

A key element is the Horton itself and, as our name suggests, we believe that whilst certain conditions are better accommodated in a larger centre, the rapidly growing population of our area needs a General Hospital - in the full sense of that term. Our hospital grew and developed steadily in the range of services provided from its foundation in the 1870s for over a hundred years.

Sadly in the last two decades that process has been halted and latterly in important aspects, reversed, including the removal of senior staff. We believe that patients are benefitted by close working relationships between hospital and GPs and this is best achieved with locally based consultants, as previously.

We discuss with, and question those, who supply the services but we believe that the public - who through their taxes pay for them - have a right to be fully consulted on any proposed change whilst it is still at a formative stage and their views properly taken into account. We will oppose any such proposals if this process has not taken place and we believe the change not to be in the interests of local patients.

KTHG is not affiliated to any political party but reserves the right to criticize government actions/inactions if we believe them to be damaging, recognizing that governments of all complexions share responsibility for the current state of the NHS.

KTHG will work with anyone who shares our aims. We are grateful to all those who have shown their support in various ways. We are absolutely committed to our cause and encourage you to be part of this vital campaign.

Further information on our website (below.) KTHG's official FB page is <https://www.facebook.com/SaveOurHorton/> There are other pro-Horton pages but these are not controlled by KTHG.

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