



PRESS RELEASE

Hardly a surprising reaction...

48 hours on from the cataclysmic decision taken by the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) scores of people have contacted Keep the Horton General via its website and Facebook page (Save our Horton.)

Aghast at how the Oxford-centric, predominantly male, Board members could push through the decision to permanently withdraw Consultant led Maternity at the Horton hospital which will impact on the lives of innumerable women, and their families, in the Banburyshire area.

'What's happened to human rights? Shame on those who have sabotaged any efforts to save the Horton. Today proved that the OCCG wasted hundreds of thousands of pounds on a dictation not a consultation as the views of the public were not taken into account. What I find extremely upsetting is that one of our own Doctors here in a Banbury Practice did not vote to keep the Horton, he had every opportunity to do so. He is on the board of the CCG' are examples of the comments' timbre.

Keith Strangwood, Chairman of KTHG, the only member of the public to be allowed to address the meeting, said 'We were in touch with our legal team immediately after yesterday's appalling decision. There is not a single chance that we will give up fighting for the rights of the people we represent. When the going gets tough, the tough get going'.

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