

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Showing up is 80 per cent of life, as Woody Allen said. We think it's greater even than that. To help us to help you, turn up! As **Save Our Hospital Services (SOHS)**, we meet regularly at **the Castle Centre, Castle Street, Barnstaple**, and will attend, ask questions and/or protest at the events listed below.

**Next meeting: Wednesday 7 September: 7pm.**

Meantime we need leafleters, protestors, questioners, letter- and email-writers. Above all, we need you to tell your friends and family about the scale and seriousness of the threats to the medical services on which we all rely when we or our families and friends need them.

*Meantime, meetings you can attend:*

**Wednesday 31 August 2016: 9.30-10.30 am.**

Extraordinary meeting of Northern Devon's CCG to approve retroactively bed closures that have already taken place:  
Crown Yealm House, Pathfields Business Park, South Molton, EX36 3LH

**Tuesday 6 September 2016: 5.00pm**

North Devon Healthcare Trust's Annual General Meeting:  
Board Room, Chichester House, North Devon District Hospital,  
Raleigh Park, Barnstaple, EX31 4JB

Notice of your attendance required: email: [ndht.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:ndht.contactus@nhs.net)  
Tel: 01271-322577

Written advance notice of questions required to the above email address, marked *AGM Question*, or in writing to the above address.

**Monday 19 September 2016: 8.30am start approx.**

Join us for a day trip to Exeter to attend Devon County Council's Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee meeting at County Hall.

We need as many people as possible to hear the Success Regime make their first statement of intent with regard to health services in our region.

We will be organising transport, but it will be an all-day event and will include a 'red line' protest along the lines of that at NDDH on 23 August. Watch this website for details. Meantime, put the date in your diary.

If making your own way to Exeter, know that the Committee meets at 2pm in the Committee Suite, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

**Monday 19 September, 7pm:**

North Devon's Conservative MP, Peter Heaton Jones has agreed to attend a meeting of Barnstaple Town Council to answer questions on the changes to health provision in North Devon. We will be returning from Exeter to attend. Please join us or remain with us.

Location: **The Guildhall**, Butchers Row/High Street, Barnstaple.

Questions for Peter Heaton Jones:

Identify yourself and provide a contact telephone number:

Email: [townclerk@barnstapletoewncouncil.co.uk](mailto:townclerk@barnstapletoewncouncil.co.uk)

Address: The Town Clerk, Barum House, The Square, Barnstaple, EX32 8LS.

**Write to your MP:**

If you live in the North Devon Parliamentary constituency, write to:

Peter Heaton-Jones, Conservative MP for North Devon.

Email: [peter@peterheatonjones.org.uk](mailto:peter@peterheatonjones.org.uk) Tel: 07530-476206.

Address: Church House, Church Lane, Barnstaple, EX31 1DE.

What Peter Heaton Jones has said to date: (23 August 2016):

***“North Devon is a special case: the distance from everywhere else means we cannot be left without key services. [In particular, I made it clear [to Angela Peddar, the CEO of the Success Regime] our A&E Department is a “red line” as far as I am concerned. North Devon has not been treated ‘fairly’ when it comes to funding the NHS.”***

If you live in the Torridge and West Devon constituency, write to:  
Geoffrey Cox QC, Conservative MP for Torridge and West Devon.

Email: [tellgeoffrey@geoffreycox.co.uk](mailto:tellgeoffrey@geoffreycox.co.uk) Tel: 01822-6132925.

Address: First Floor, Lockyear House, Paddons Row, Tavistock PL19 0HF.

What Geoffrey Cox has said to date (19 August 2016):

***“I recently met the Secretary of State’s adviser, Dame Ruth Carnall, and will shortly be meeting the CEO of the Success regime to make clear again that, contrary to recent public declarations, there must in fact be clear and non-negotiable red lines in any such review. For example, there can be no question of closing North Devon District Hospital and it would also be completely unacceptable to close essential facilities such as the A&E Department. This review has to have as its objective the real improvement of our local health care and I have put my views forcefully to those in charge and will leave them in no doubt that I will vigorously resist any outcome that results in a deterioration in services in Torridge and Northern Devon. I have also emphasised the need for real and in-depth public consultation and it is vital that the experiences and views of local people should inform these plans. I urge everyone to get involved.”***

Asked for a definition of essential services, Geoffrey Cox stated: (25 August 2016):

***“I believe that an appropriate definition for essential services would be – those which, without unacceptable risk and prejudice, could not reasonably be provided from another facility in Devon. I am not a doctor and I will have to rely on the medical opinion of those with expert knowledge and understanding as to the specific services this definition might include. I shall be seeking those opinions, and making my views known on the basis of them, as the consultation progresses.”***

**Write to The Success Regime:**

Email: *d-ccg.corporateservices.nhs.net*

Address:

Newcourt House, Newcourt Drive, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter, EX2 7JQ.

Address your letters and emails to:

**Dame Ruth Carnall**, Carnall Farrar, consultant designers and intellectual authors of the Success regime for Devon.

**Angela Peddar**, Chief Executive, Success Regime.

The Success Regime's *Case for Change* document, setting the context for their plans, is available at:

<http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/about-us/success-regime/case-for-change>

Remember they are the ones, not us, who said there are “no red lines” and that “nothing is off the table” in considering changes, cuts and downgrades to services currently offered at North Devon District Hospital.

**Write to The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for North Devon:**

Email: *D-CCG:northernlocality@nhs.net*

Address:

NEW Devon CCG, Northern Locality, Crown Yealm House, Pathfields Business Park, South Molton, EX36 3LH

Tel: 01769-575100, Fax:01769-573740.

Address your letters and emails to:

**Dr. John Womersley**, Chair, CCGm Northern Locality.

**Write to your County Councillor:**

North Devon has 4 county councillors on Devon County Council's Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:

**Brian Greenslade** (*Barnstaple North, Liberal Democrat*)

Email: [brian.greenslade@devon.gov.uk](mailto:brian.greenslade@devon.gov.uk)

Tel: 01271-372065

Address: 2, Longpiece, Marwood, Barnstaple, EX31 4DT.

**Caroline Chugg** (*Braunton Rural, Conservative*)

Email: [caroline.chugg@devon.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.chugg@devon.gov.uk)

Tel: 01271-815820; Mobile: 07795-142463.

Address: Wysteria House, 2 Willoway Lane, Braunton, EX33 1AS.

**Andy Boyd** (*Torrington Rural, Conservative*)

Email: [andy.boyd@devon.gov.uk](mailto:andy.boyd@devon.gov.uk)

Tel: 01805-622435; Mobile: 07900557359.

Address: Well House, Well Street, Torrington, EX38 7BW.

**Gaston Dezart** (*Bideford East, UKIP*)

Email: [gaston.dezart@devon.gov.uk](mailto:gaston.dezart@devon.gov.uk)

Tel: 01237-459430.

Address: 19 Biddiblack Way, East of the Water, Bideford EX39 4AY.

\*\*Ask them to make sure they attend the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Ask them what they will ask the Success Regime to show them of their plans before the meeting, and what follow-up questions they think they may ask.

\*\*Tell them of your concerns.

\*\*Tell them that their effectiveness in preventing any cuts or downgrading of acute services at your hospital and of health service provision generally in North Devon will influence your vote in the County Council elections in May 2017.