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NEWS *Redlines*

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WELCOME

Although we have made a number of appeals for help, volunteers have not been forthcoming, and regretfully we may have to reduce the number of times Redlines is produced. My workload is increasing with graphic design, maintaining the website and working on Redlines, and with new groups working together there is even more to do.

If you, or someone you know can help, please come forward. We need someone to help collate and assemble articles from the contributors and emails. You do not need any special skills other than administrative ability, and average computer skills, but you do need to be available regularly. We also need a person who can help with putting together special articles, and for this some average ability at writing is required. We could also do with someone who can maintain the diary of events and post it to the website as well as prepare it for Redlines. You would need to be able to spend regular time on this. The contact is webmaster@sohs.org.uk

We welcome readers from other areas, who are now embarking on their own fight to save hospital services. We are glad to have you on board and thank you for joining us. I hope that you enjoy this newsletter and that you find lots of useful material and ideas.

Material for future newsletters
editor@sohs.co.uk by Thursday
SOHS-Save Our Hospital
Services
(A non-party group whose aim is
to campaign to protect our
health services in North Devon)

A CALL TO ACTION

Letters to Write

The Success Regime/STP reviews of acute services have begun. The two individuals mentioned below are leading those reviews. We need to respect them as clinicians. But we need to engage with them forcefully and passionately. We need to tell them why, for clinical reasons, it could never be justifiable, under any circumstances, to move acute services such as stroke, maternity/paediatrics/neonatal and accident and emergency away from North Devon District Hospital.

The first phase of these clinical reviews will include stroke services, and this review will start in mid-November and conclude in mid-January. Two further reviews - maternity, paediatrics & neonatology, and urgent and emergency services - will start in December and conclude in March 2017.

As well as these large scale reviews, a number of smaller services will be reviewed because they are currently facing particular difficulties in remaining sustainable and safe due to workforce and other challenges. The most urgent of these 'vulnerable' services to be reviewed are Breast Services, ENT, Interventional Radiology, Histopathology, Neurology, Interventional Cardiology and Vascular Surgery. Due to

necessity early work has started on neurology, vascular and ENT which needs to be extended to be Devon wide.

The Clinical Lead overseeing the Acute Services Review programme on behalf of the Devon health and care system will be Dr Phil Hughes, Medical Director at Plymouth Hospitals Trust and Mairead McAlinden, Chief Executive at Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust, will be the lead Chief Executive.

Now would be a good time to write to these people and politely remind them that we need our acute services. Tell them how far you live from their hospitals and let them know how long it would take to get there. Let them know of any points why you think we cannot be without NDDH acute services.

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Spreading the Word

Public Meetings are being held in a number of areas to tell people what is happening. We are covering some of these here. If we have missed any then please forward the details to webmaster@sohs.org.uk so that they can be added to the website.

If you live near where the meetings are being held, then please support them. Please also print off and display posters, all of which are available from our website.

Bideford



SAVE OUR LOCAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

PUBLIC MEETING IN BIDEFORD

- Our local hospital and healthcare services are under threat.
- North Devon District Hospital's maternity unit could close.
- Butchery & essential grocery could be lost from N. Devon.
- The future of mental services in N. Devon remains uncertain.
- 1 in 11 beds across Devon could close.
- Emergency services (A&E) could be greatly reduced.

All members of the public are warmly invited to attend a meeting to support us.

SOHS SAVE OUR HOSPITAL SERVICES

Monday 28 November 7.00pm
Pollyfield Centre, East-The-Water

Find out the full facts for yourself

This poster is available to download from our website. It is a leaflet that can be printed out and taken to the meeting. It is not a substitute for attending the meeting. It is a leaflet that can be printed out and taken to the meeting. It is not a substitute for attending the meeting.

A meeting is planned for Monday 28 November.

Ilfracombe



SOHS SAVE OUR HOSPITAL SERVICES

PUBLIC MEETING

The Lantern Centre
Ilfracombe High Street
7.45 pm
Thursday 24th November 2015

These are being proposed to end acute services at North Devon District Hospital.

Maternity, Paediatrics, Stroke acute services relocated to Exeter or Plymouth will be a step too far.

WE NEED TO STOP THIS

Come and find out more.

A meeting is planned for this Thursday.

We found out at the latest council meeting that Ilfracombe has failed in its bid for a 'health hub'. This represents a further attack on health service provision in North Devon. Plans are already being prepared to end acute services at North Devon District Hospital. According to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan for Devon, Maternity, Paediatrics, and Stroke acute services are likely to be relocated to Exeter or Plymouth. At this meeting we will share what we have found out so far and consider a course of action to resist the changes.

Possible savings found!

Food for thought? This is a part of the problem of overspending in the underfunded NHS, methinks.

From the NEWDevon CCG website, salary bands as at 2014/2015:

- Dr Tim Burke (CCG Chair) £85k-£90k
- Dr David Jenner (Eastern Locality Chair) £65k-£70k
- Dr Paul Hardy (Western Locality Chair) £70k-£75k
- Dr John Womersley (Northern Locality Chair) £80k-£85k
- Rebecca Harriott (Chief officer) £130k-£135k
- Hugh Groves (Chief finance officer) £120k-£125k
- Jerry Clough (Managing director, Western Locality) £125k-£130k
- John Finn (Managing director, Eastern Locality) £100k-£105k
- Caroline Dawe (Managing director, Northern Locality) £100k-£105k
- Paul O'Sullivan (Managing director, partnerships) £100k-£105k
- Lorna Collingwood-Burke (Chief nursing officer) £90k-£95k
- Annette Benny (Managing director, delivery) £100k-£105k
- Nick Pearson (Head of communications) £60k-£65k

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Diary dates

Visit our new diary page on the website. More dates and pretty pictures!

Wednesday 23 November 14.30, N & E Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) meeting, Broadclyst Victory Hall, near Exeter EX5 3DX

Wednesday 23 November 19.00, Full SOHS meeting The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple. **Note the change of venue**

Thursday 24 November 19.45, SOHS Ilfracombe Public meeting, The Lantern Centre, Ilfracombe EX34 9NH

Monday 28 November 13.30 – 15.30, CCG Your Future Care Roadshow, The Plough Arts Centre, Fore Street, Great Torrington EX38 8HQ

Monday 28 November 17.30 – 19.30, CCG Your Future Care Roadshow, New Hall, Tiverton EX16 6QP

Monday 28 November 19.00, SOHS Bideford Public meeting, Pollyfield Centre, Avon Road, East-the-Water, Bideford EX39 4BL

Tuesday 29 November 19.00, CCG with Braunton Parish Council, Public Meeting, The Parish Hall, Chaloners Rd, Braunton EX33

Thursday 8 December 14:00 - 17:00 Devon County Council, Full Council meeting. County Hall, Topsham Rd, Exeter EX2 4QU, UK

Councillors Greenslade and Biederman's motions to be voted on. **LARGE NUMBERS NEEDED!**

Saturday 28 January 20:00 - 22:00 Ricky Knight and Friends performing benefit event for SOHS. The Plough Arts Centre, Fore Street, Torrington EX38 8HQ Tickets make great Christmas presents! £7 from Box Office: 01805 624624

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Don't forget to send us your dates to include in the diary. If people don't know, they won't attend

News From Other Areas

Sidmouth

OUR FUTURE CARE!

Sid Valley patients and carers invite all residents to a public meeting in the Parish Church, Sidmouth Church Street, on Friday 9th December at 7.30 pm

The Consultation (ending 6th Jan) "YOUR FUTURE CARE" proposes closing 600 hospital beds all over Devon including at Honiton, Okehampton, Seaton, Exmouth, Barnstaple, Exeter and Sidmouth.

Beds have already gone from Axminster, Ottery St Mary, Budleigh Salterton and Torrington - without consultation

Let us talk about this urgently with friends, family, neighbours, churches, WI groups, etc. and bring ideas from all in our valley to the meeting on 9th December

For more information call 01395 539292

A public meeting to present the facts, this time at Sidmouth on 9 December. Please support if you can.

Exeter

Proposed DRASTIC HEALTH SERVICES CUTS have made us see red. Now we intend to make them see red

SEE RED DAY

Saturday Morning, 3 December

From all parts of Devon, assemble in groups to parade in **RED LINES** from every direction along

Westward Street, Fore Street, Queen Street, North Street, South Street, Prince Street

SOHS Save Our Hospital Services

We will make a **RED LINE DOWN EXETER HIGH ST.**

Rally from 12noon - 2pm in Bedford Square, Exeter

BE THERE WEAR RED!

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Yes, a See Red Day at Exeter, to be supported by groups from across Devon. Exeter itself is less affected by the changes as services are not being moved away from their hospital, but people in more rural parts are affected and are coming together to publicise the changes. Please make plans to support if you can. The date is 3 December.

Hearing the Other Side CCG Roadshows

Your opportunity to

HEAR THE FACTS

Regarding the main issues and proposed cuts to the NHS



Tuesday 29th November at 7 p.m.
Braunton Parish Hall



A chance to hear the facts as seen by the CCG at Braunton on 29 November. Please try to attend to ask questions if you live in the area. The details are on our website.

Roadshows

CCG 'Your Future Care' Roadshows have been announced as 'informal drop-in sessions, to give local people further opportunity to find out about the proposals and the public consultation.'

These are 2 hour 'pop-in' sessions around Devon. Dates in North Devon commence Monday 28 November at The Plough Arts Centre in Great Torrington 15.30-19.30, then Tiverton 17.30-19.30; see CCG website for more details <http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/about-us/your-future-care/consultation-events/102082>

The CCG/Success Regime newsletter says about the consultation events:

"It is important that as many people as possible attend the events to learn more about the proposals and to have their say.

Those who have registered will be guaranteed a place. Where there is demand, further meetings will be organised to ensure we listen to everyone who wishes to have their say

We want to hear from as many people as possible at these public events."

So we need to ensure they hear local people's views, loud and clear! We would not want to disappoint!

CHAMPIONS

Linda Mallen is helping to organise the Champions and has put together a list identifying areas in which there is still a need.

The role of Champion is being used a designation for those who will work to support SOHS in their local community. Champions will have varying and differing skills, which is absolutely fine, as we look to them to bring whatever skills and enthusiasm they have to the role. A number of champions are already in place and we are working towards adding a map and listing on the website, so you can identify your local Champion. If you live in that area, then please make yourself known

to your Champion as otherwise they may not know you are there. We hope communities will work together to fight for the cause. To those of you who have already volunteered thank you and we will be in touch shortly.

In each village/town we need people to be contacts for the group, and we still need some in particular areas. The Champion role would involve arranging for leaflets to be delivered, putting up posters, getting petitions out, writing letters/emails if possible as and when requested by admin, and so on. You could even go as far as organising

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public meetings in your own community. We will support you in every way we can, basically we want to raise awareness over the entire county, community by community.

The north of the county has a number of parishes already covered but we still need the following areas: Mortehoe, Georgeham, West Down, Bittadon, Berrynarbour, Marwood, East Down,, Challacombe, Ashford, Newton Tracey, Tawstock, Goodleigh, Landkey, Arlington, Kentisbury, Trentishoe, Parracombe, Martinhoe, Countisbury, Brendon, Pilton, Instow, Westleigh, Atherington, Swimbridge, Stoke Rivers, Brayford, Filleigh, Chittlehamholt, Chulmleigh, Romansleigh, Rose Ash, East Workington, Rackenford, East Anstey, Kings Nympton, Mariansleigh, Meshaw, Witheridge, Knowstone, West Anstey, West Buckland, Satterleigh And Warkeigh.

If you can help or would like further info please email details together with any queries to this address champions@sohs.org.uk.

In the Torrridge area we have volunteers in Northam, Bideford, Great Torrington, St Giles in the Wood, Bedford, Merton and Bradworthy only. So any further volunteers from here or elsewhere in the county welcome!

Remember that email address, Champions@sohs.org.uk

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Why red?

The colour red has many associations. There are sporting associations. There are political associations – spectrum-spanning, past and present, national and international. There are associations with warnings, hazards and danger. There are emotional associations – embarrassment, passion and anger. Oh yes, anger. That was certainly a factor in See Red Day. And rightly so. But that is not primarily why SOHS Devon associates with red.

Red signifies **RED LINES**. The **RED LINES** that the Success Regime glibly eschewed as it embarked upon its Devon-wide 'reconfiguration' of hospital services. "No **RED LINES**," they told us. Now that is the language of hostile negotiation! A **RED LINE** is an issue that is non-negotiable, not up for discussion, a line that cannot be crossed. The Success Regime recognises no such **RED LINES**. Everything is a potential target. Any hospital bed can be culled. Any hospital service can be excised.

From the outset, Save Our Hospital Services Devon has clearly stated: "There are **RED LINES**!" On 23

August, 200 people put on red and marched from Pilton Park to North Devon District Hospital to declare a **RED LINE** around the hospital. On 22 October, a **RED LINE** of 4,000 people marched through Barnstaple to reinforce that message. On Facebook, 10,000+ people (and counting) are articulately verbalising that same and other **RED LINES**. Across Devon, day by day, hour by hour, a growing army of people is drawing its own **RED LINES** around hospitals, beds and services.

So if anyone asks 'Why red?', you can tell them. It's about **RED LINES**. Indelible, immovable and unpassable **RED LINES**. **RED LINES** that warn: "Do not cross!" **RED LINES** that proclaim: "Hands off!" **RED LINES** that proudly declare: "We will defend and protect these services and the people who deliver them!" We, the people of Devon, have become those **RED LINES**. We are the **RED LINES** around hospital beds. We are the **RED LINES** around stroke services. We are the **RED LINES** around maternity, paediatrics and neonatology. We are the **RED LINES** around A&E. We are the **RED LINES**! Why red? That's why!

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