

Here are the answers to your questionnaire:

1. I feel that there shouldn't be any cuts. I am on the Health & Wellbeing Committee and I am the only voice for Bideford West & Hartland. I have diverted the closure of Bideford Community Hospital and six in Devon have already been closed. The only way that we will stop the closures are if the Conservatives lose their majority of four.
2. No. I would like to stress that the property tax from the NDDH is £1.9 million. Public building tax should be scrapped where hospitals are concerned.
3. No and the hospitals are not coping well.
4. I agree that patients often recover well in a home environment however, we need community hospitals for some patients that need none critical care before returning home and we also need community hospitals in the event of a relapse.

It is not feasible to cut £550 million from the budget.

5. The STP do not fully understand the requirements of the local residents. Devon County Council should have the last say unfortunately, it has a majority of Conservatives. This is a disaster but if the majority can be reduced from four, it could be turned around?
6. The Conservatives have the majority and all they want to do is cut! We need to change the weight of power!
7. If I get back in as County Councillor, I will endeavour to convince the Health & Wellbeing committee to be more assertive when questioning the STP and not listen to waffle.
8. Yes it does. I will say that the Town Councillor Tony Inch as a Conservative will not fight or have any input to the Health & Wellbeing committee as he will follow the Conservative protocol. It will also be the same with the other political parties. My leaflet shows that I had a great influence in keeping Bideford Hospital open and I have reiterated throughout my campaign as I am passionate about the NHS as a whole, NDDH and the Community Hospitals. Having spoken to many of your followers, they have agreed to put my comments on all media and websites. The sooner this gets out, the better!

I hope I have given you sufficient answers to your questions but I feel that I am the only County Councillor that will fight for saving our SOHS in Bideford West and Hartland.

I need your support so that I can continue to fight for what is right! Once the voice is lost for North Devon, all hospitals will close as the Conservatives want super hospitals in Exeter and Plymouth. This will lead us to queuing in corridors waiting to be seen. This is totally unacceptable.

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