



Press Release – Mon. 20th March 2017

Saturday 1st April You Can't Fool Us

On April 1st communities across Devon are putting a Red Line around hospitals.

Save Our Hospital Services(SOHS) Devon are coordinating public support across the county to oppose NHS England's Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP) which under the guise of providing a better service will in reality mean a cut of £550M from Devon's health spending. If these cuts go ahead people could and will die as a consequence.

We have been told when it comes to cuts to health services in Devon there are no red lines. We in SOHS say there are Red Lines and that: "You can't fool us"

Dozens of community hospitals across Devon have already lost their beds in the past two or three years. Some very sadly, are being sold off to meet budget deficits; others may become health and wellbeing hubs. More yet may be sold off but we are not being told the plans. SOHS Devon say: "No hospital must be sold as all community hospitals are essential to provide minor injury support, palliative care with easy access for patients and patient visitors, thereby keeping pressure off the main hospitals which provide acute services and major health treatment."

We will hold the red line to make this point clear to local health service managers, councillors and MPs. We say: "**There are RED LINES**"

Red Lines at Hospitals – Time, Sat. April 1st 2017

North Devon Ilfracombe – assemble Candar 09.45 march to Tyrrell for 10.00

Torrington Community Hospital, EX38 7NU, 10.00

Bideford – assemble Arts Centre, Bideford 11.00 march thro' town

South Molton - assemble 09.45 Main Car Park, EX36 4AS - march to hospital for 10.00

Barnstaple - assemble 12.30 Pilton Park – march to NDDH for 13.00

East Devon - Exeter Whipton, EX1 2RB 10.30 to 11.00 moving to join RD&E, EX2 5DW 12.00 TO 14.00

Honiton – assemble St. Pauls High St, march to hospital EX14 1EY for 11.00.

Ottery St Mary, EX11 8ER 14.00. Sidmouth, Victoria Hosp'l, EX10 8ER 10.00

Seaton, EX12 2UU 10.00

Okehampton Community Hospital EX20 1PN – 10.00

South Devon Torbay – assemble Lowes Bridge Entrance 13.00 and Redline around Womens Health Unit.

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