

WRITE TO DECISION MAKERS

Decision-makers need to know that you will not accept cuts to any hospital services based at NDDH in Barnstaple. You can ask for the return of services they have already cut. Tell them what your hospital means to you, your family and friends, and say people will suffer and die without these services in North Devon.

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SIGN PETITIONS

Links to petitions are on our website. There are other calls to action from time to time, such as sending Tweets.

USE YOUR SKILLS

All kind of skills are useful if you can spare a little time. Art skills, including acting, photography, admin skills, painting and banner making, marshalling, leaflet distribution, research and writing.

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TELL OTHERS

- Leaflets and posters and other materials are available on our website.
- Join with local Champions to promote our campaign in your community.
- Join in debate on our Facebook page.

JOIN IN

- Sign up to our regular newsletter on our website or send your email address to webmaster@sohs.org.uk.
- Come along to regular committee meetings held in Barnstaple.
- Public Meetings are taking place around North Devon and beyond.

CAMPAIGN

- Regular campaign events are organised by SOHS.
- Attend official public meetings and take part in debate.
- Take part in related National events.

RAISE FUNDS

- Help with SOHS Fundraisers.
- Donations can be made on our website or send cheques to Cathrine Simmons, SOHS, Church Lane House, Church Walk, Torrington EX38 8HS.

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WHAT THEY WANT TO DO

Imagine the inconvenience of having to go to Exeter or Plymouth for hospital treatment.

Would you make it in time? A&E? Go to Plymouth, 60 miles away. Maternity? That's in Exeter, 50 miles away. No matter that you might be in pain, have no transport or just find it all too stressful. How will the elderly cope, or the mums with a number of kids in tow?

These plans are being forced through by contractors brought into the NHS. They call themselves a Success Regime. They intend to achieve success by cutting costs and redirecting profits to private service providers.

SOHS is a group of people of all political opinions, brought together with the express aim of fighting the changes.

Those forcing through the changes say there are no red lines when it comes to how deep they intend to cut.



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- Shut down important local hospital services

PAEDIATRICS
NEONATOLOGY

moved to PLYMOUTH

MATERNITY

moved to EXETER

STROKE CARE
TRAUMA

moved to PLYMOUTH

- Close beds so patients can't be treated locally

LOSE¹ 400 ACUTE BEDS

1/6 190 COMMUNITY BEDS
BEDS



¹Bed losses across Devon. All figures explained and detailed on our website.

Other proposals include:

- Reduce access to GPs (doctors)
- Cut hundreds of nurses jobs
- Introduce care at home by private commercial companies

These proposals are contained in a document called the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). If it goes ahead, the STP will devastate the services we all depend on every day in North Devon. The STP must be stopped.

Is it likely to go ahead? Yes, many of the plans are already partially implemented. Unless there is a massive reaction from the public these plans will become a reality.

The changes will undoubtedly mean lives lost, as well as distress and inconvenience. [Turn over to find out what you can do about it.](#)

This will seriously affect you, your family and your health