

DOWNWARD SPIRAL FOR LOCAL NHS

senior bosses are just walking away

Recently both the CEO and the Chair of the London North West University Healthcare Trust announced they are leaving. Their Head of Finance and Chief Operating Officer had already left and now NWL NHS Head, Mark Easton, has resigned despite the fact he was not long ago appointed to sort things out.

Last year we rightly **celebrated** when the Government finally abandoned its **unworkable plan** for the NHS in North West London, called '*Shaping a Healthier Future*'. It wasted hundreds of millions of NHS money on management consultants and bosses who were paid huge sums to imagine ways of replacing hospital beds with **care in the community**. They closed beds including Central Middx & Hammersmith A&Es -- but they failed to create alternatives! So it's shocking to hear that the **replacement NWL NHS Head** is from one of these Management Consultancies!



SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

It looks like no money and no viable plan. The previous plan collapsed in the face of public opposition but the cuts have still not been re-instated. **Not good enough!** We want Maternity, Paediatrics, Urology and other services returned to Ealing Hospital. **Please sign our petition online or at a street stall.**

Ealing Save Our NHS believes we need to pressure the powers that be, especially the Government, to properly support our vital health services. There's a huge groundswell of public opinion to end all the cuts and privatisation.

MEANWHILE staff and patients at Ealing Hospital are suffering as resources keep being squeezed. The latest cut announced (at Christmas!) was the closure of the staff nursery – so some lovely staff had to give in their notice. Meanwhile, over at **Hillingdon Hospital**, two childrens' wards were closed because there was no money for maintenance and they simply became unsafe. **This madness must end.**



DISASTER IN OUR HOSPITALS

2020 WINTER CRISIS

Beds in corridors, patients on chairs: this is happening in Ealing and many other Hospitals today.

We're in the **worst NHS winter crisis yet**, with huge shortages of beds and staff. What did they expect? Since 2010 one in every 12 beds has been closed and the UK now has fewer hospital beds per person than almost any other European country. But Government policy is **still to close more beds** in favour of care in the community or private hospitals.

The cuts have been even more drastic for our mental health beds.

The worst ever NHS A&E performance figures for December show 400,000 patients faced four-hour waits.

Last week 18,251 ambulance patients waited 30 mins or more to be handed over. Doctors said hospitals are under pressures "*the like of which we have never seen*"

CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER

Ealing Save Our NHS believes there no excuse for the failure to support children. We're calling for Paediatric services to be brought back to Ealing Hospital, which at the moment doesn't even have an A&E for children – just minimum care in the privately run "Urgent Care Centre".

Senior doctors recently revealed to **Ealing Save Our NHS** that our local mental health service for children was so starved of resources there was a 3.1/2 year wait so a child aged 14 ½ has have to wait until 18 to get help, unless they deteriorate to crisis point in the meantime, when they would go to the front of the queue by displacing other children.



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