

# EALING SAVE OUR NHS

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FAO: Chris Bown, Chief Executive  
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Dear Mr Bown,

Thanks for your recent letter regarding the removal of services from Ealing Hospital.

We are disappointed that the process is still continuing, the latest being the removal of the breast clinic. Our experience of the merger of Ealing with Northwick Park has been that it is totally one-sided. Management and senior clinicians at NWP have steadily and systematically transferred resources and hollowed out Ealing Hospital at the expense of the local community.

You may not realise that to the communities served by Ealing Hospital, Northwick Park is a far away and unknown place. There are no community links and it's an hour and a half by bus.

The cuts to Ealing Hospital were made initially under the rubric of the now discredited 'Shaping a Healthier Future' plans. However, despite the Health Secretary finally abandoning SaHF in March 2019, no other plans for Ealing have been drawn up and the Hospital has continued to be managed remotely from NWP and resources continued to be removed.

Thanks for your assurance that a 24/7 emergency department will continue as now. However that might be interpreted as something less than a full A&E. Without emergency surgery it's potentially not safe for all patients and without blue light ambulances it would be something less than an A&E.

It feels like there is an unwritten plan to reduce Ealing Hospital to a collection of clinics with some sort of 'satellite' A&E.

There is already a strong local view – especially in the predominantly BAME community of Southall – that they are treated as second rate. They have already lost Maternity and Childrens A&E and increasingly are forced to travel long distances to access a whole range of hospital services, despite there being a high level of deprivation and language difficulties.

A massive programme of building is underway in Ealing, that would place another 40,000 new homes in the Borough, many of which are in Southall. When occupied, it is estimated that there would be a further 120,000 new residents. This would add a huge burden on GP services and further underlines the necessity for a Major Hospital in the Borough.

We hope that the Trust will review its approach to Ealing, stop removing services and develop a plan that meets the health needs of our communities. This means a genuine commitment to maintaining a District General Hospital with a full blue light ambulance A&E and all the necessary supporting services.

Yours sincerely

Eve Turner

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