

# Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign



## Taking our Fight to Save Our Hospital Services into the Court

**Join our contingent at the Judicial  
Review Proceedings in Leeds**

**Tuesday December 18, 19 and 20**

**Contact us for SSTHC travel arrangements  
for our days at the court in Leeds**

**Phone: 07963506451 for more details**

**Join our Lunchtime Vigil Outside Our Hospital**

**Monday December 17 12.00 noon – 1.00pm**

**Harton Road Entrance to ST District Hospital**

The legal team of Irwin Mitchell are representing the case in a Judicial Review that opposes plans to downgrade acute services at South Tyneside Hospital:

- The Children and young people's (paediatrics urgent and emergency) services will be downgraded from a 24 hour consultant led service to 12 hours and will be less safe and sustainable to the service we have now.
- Consultant led Maternity services will go to Sunderland. A Midwife led unit will remain but will be less sustainable if it is downgraded.
- Special care baby unit closed with nearest service Sunderland.
- Hospital Stroke services goes to Sunderland with no hospital rehabilitation remains at STH.

Whilst the claim is that this is a path to "excellence", it has not had the involvement, or support of most clinicians & staff.

**Access to health care is a right of all in a modern  
society, and we demand that it must be guaranteed.**

**Our NHS in Crisis**  
**Join the Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign**

**What we stand for is that health care is a right!  
We demand that locally accessible district hospitals with  
a wide range of properly funded acute and A&E services  
are retained in South Tyneside and Sunderland.**

**And look at what our hospital is achieving now:**

- **A&E 4 hour standard - achieved – Our hospital ranked 5th out of 130 trusts**
- **Cancer 62 day target - achieved – Our hospital ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 131 trusts**
- **Treatment within 18 weeks - achieved – Our hospital ranked 3rd out of 126 trusts**
- **Starting mental health therapy within 6 weeks – achieved ranked 7th out of 195 CCG areas**

**Yet the government is backing the CCGs and alliance plans to close and down grade the availability of many services in South Tyneside and push services in Sunderland further down the standards list to breaking point. The plans of government to wreck the NHS and make it more unsafe and unsustainable must be opposed. This is not a “path to excellence” so join us!**

**Further details and next meeting can be found on our website:**

**<http://www.savesouthtynesidehospital.org/>**

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