

# Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign



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## **Crowd Justice Fund target reached**

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/save-south-tyneside-hospital/>

The Crowd Justice fund of Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign reaches its target of £5000.

On Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> the SSTHC Crowd Justice Fund reached its target of £5000. The crowd fund was launched on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2017. SSTHC Congratulates all who contributed to we have reached our target of £5000. It is fantastic we did this together over the xmas and new year holiday a difficult period for everyone financially. 146 contributed online and 100s contributed in the community collections where we raised over £1000 with another £1000 coming from trade unions and other organisations. So a big thanks to everyone. We will keep the fund open for the next 3 days so people can still contribute.

The fund is going towards preparing a case for a Judicial Review. Already our solicitors, Irwin Mitchell, have supported the campaign and our maternity and SCBU staff in getting the Special Care Baby Unit and Maternity re-opened after it was "temporarily closed" before xmas. We now need to go on to fight our case that we have a right to these services and to stop the downgrading of our Maternity and SCBU permanently and to keep open our consultant-led 24/7 Children's A&E. Also to fight for re-opening of hospital stroke rehabilitation services. We would also like to thank the Crowd Justice com team.

## **Protest Vigil Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

SSTHC is holding a Lunchtime protest outside the South Tyneside District Hospital on Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 12noon to 1pm. Flyer attached

Roger Nettleship Chair of STHC said: "We have had two pieces of good news in what are difficult times for our NHS. The New Year started with a victory for the staff of the maternity and Special Care Baby unit (SCBU) when the full maternity service re-opened at South Tyneside District Hospital after a 'temporary' closure at the end of 2017. Secondly, yesterday the Crowd Funding campaign that we launched on December 8 reached its target of £5000 yesterday. This will enable us to get the advice we need on launching a legal case to defend our hospital. SSTHC is also calling for a lunchtime protest outside the South Tyneside District Hospital to say we care about these services that government led cuts and the CCG are trying to close. Health care is a right it is our hospital and our NHS and we care!"

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