

SaveSouthTynesideHospital



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SSTHC Marks 10 Years In the Fight to Save Hospital And Community Services

The Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign (SSTHC) started its fight to oppose the resulting loss of acute services in May 2016. People throughout the borough - including health staff - joined us knowing that this will be a disaster for the people of South Tyneside, and also for the people of Sunderland whose access to acute services will be under pressure by the closure of acute services in South Tyneside.

Since then SSTHC organised many demonstrations, with several taking place outside the hospital. Hundreds have attended our public meetings, and in 2021 our petition exceeded 44 thousand signatures when it was handed into Parliament.

At this time it is vital to continue to build our own organisations to stand up for our hospital and community services in every locality and nationally. Also, we must continue to support the health workers and their unions, so that they can provide the service they want to.

Join us in the fight.

Marking 10 Years of SSTHC

Saturday May 23 2pm-4pm Afternoon Tea

Ocean Road Community Community Association

South Shields

Find us on social media! Join our email list to receive regular updates.

Our regular meetings are open to everyone.

<https://www.facebook.com/SaveSouthTynesideHospital>

OUR WORK SO FAR

The fight to save our hospital services started in 2016. We've presented a petition - signed by 44,000 people - to parliament in June 2021. We took the fight to the high court with a judicial review.

We have organised public meetings and demonstrations. During the Phase 1 of the "*Path to Excellence*" we lost access at our hospital to our full maternity services, special care baby unit, consultant-led children's A&E and stroke rehab unit. We did help retain vital services, including our A&E.

SURVEY

In 2022, we conducted a survey on the future of health services in South Tyneside. People overwhelmingly oppose privatisation of our health service, want to re-instate full maternity services at our hospital, paediatric A&E and retain trauma A&E related acute as well as lessening the need travel to Sunderland where we have huge concerns of accessibility for people now for many routine hospital treatments.

PRESENT FOCUS & PHASE-2

South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trust (STSFT) have stopped **proceeding with Phase 2** of the "*Path to Excellence*" as it "currently stands". With the present closure of the midwife-led birthing centre at South Tyneside District Hospital we have continued to fight for vital services to be restored at our hospital including full maternity and hospital and community stroke rehab services. We have continued to meet with the Trust and the Integrated Care Board for the North East North Cumbria and STSFT to discuss our concerns.

OUR POSITION

- **Health care is a right!**
- **We demand locally accessible district hospitals with a wide range of properly funded acute, community and mental health services.**
- **We demand that vital services are retained in South Tyneside and Sunderland.**
- **We demand an end to the marketisation and privatisation of the NHS.**

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**Access to health care is a right of all in a modern society;
We demand that it be guaranteed.**