THIS IS THE CCG’s VISION FOR OUR GENERAL HOSPITAL

UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
THE HORTON CLINIC

The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has a vision to turn the Horton into a clinic with just day case surgery and diagnostic and outpatient appointments.

It means NO ACUTE SERVICES, such as Accident & Emergency, Consultant led Maternity, Special Care Baby Unit, Children’s Ward, Trauma and all other services where an overnight stay is required.

Work is already under way to bring this to fruition:

Consultation has begun on:

- Permanently closing Consultant Led Maternity
- Permanently closing the Special Care Baby Unit
- Permanent removal of the 45 beds which were removed in September without consultation
- Removal of the Intensive Care Unit
- Removal of the Acute Stroke Service
- A promise of 60,000 more outpatient and diagnostic appointments

THE REMOVAL OF SUCH KEY ACUTE SERVICES IS TOO HIGH A PRICE TO PAY FOR MORE OUTPATIENT APPOINTMENTS
This is not all

Later in the year the second phase of the consultation will take place. It is expected to cover:

**The closure of Accident and Emergency**

**The closure of the Children’s Ward**

**The closure of the Trauma Service**

All this while the population is rapidly expanding as tens of thousands of new homes are being built in Banbury and the surrounding area.

The GPs are expected to supervise the ‘acute hospital at home’ service, but they are already under such pressure that many are leaving the profession and replacements cannot be recruited.

It is all part of the Oxfordshire Transformation Programme which is part of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

STP for Oxfordshire is not all bad, it should bring health and social care working more closely together and should provide many efficiencies

**BUT**

It is going too far too fast and with the primary aim to cut costs there is potential for many elements to fall through the cracks.
What you can do to help

Respond to the consultation **BY LETTER**

Regard the consultation questionnaire with suspicion. It appears slanted to give the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group the answers that it is seeking. Voting for care closer to home, translates to the ‘hospital at home’ service and outpatient appointments **NOT ACUTE INPATIENT BEDS**

Letters can be sent to

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To find out more attend the

Keep the Horton General Awareness Meeting
at St Mary’s Church, Banbury

on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March from 7.30 to 9.00 pm

or to receive our *Guide to Responding to the Consultation* email keepthehortongeneral@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07740 599736