

Dear Councillor

I am writing to you as one of your constituents to urge you to do everything you can to oppose the piecemeal closure of Ealing Hospital as a major hospital.

Ealing CCG have taken the decision to close the Charlie Chaplin children's ward on 30 June, despite there being grave concerns that seriously ill children could be put at risk. Without specialist paediatric staff Ealing A&E will stop treating children. Families quite rightly expect their children to be seen by the A&E staff – A&Es don't exist for adults only - otherwise **they are not a proper A&E.**

The CCG, acting on behalf of 'Shaping a Healthier Future' has steadily closed services that rely on Ealing A&E, including our Maternity Department, preparing for a future closure of the well-used and much needed A&E and removal of hundreds of beds. All they plan to leave is some clinics, an Urgent Care Centre and some long term beds.

This frightening plan may be further endorsed by an unaccountable 'Footprint' meeting of leading Council and NHS officers in North West London. The Government has requested such a meeting to draw up a so-called 'Sustainability and Transformation Plan' (a cuts plan) for health and social care.

You were not of course elected to support devastation of vital community services. And there is still time to halt the process. I urge you to:-

1. Call on Ealing Council to urgently take the decision to go for legal action as recommended in the report from Michael Mansfield QC.
2. Urge the Council to make a Public Statement condemning the closures.
3. Refuse to endorse a repackaging of the hospital closures as part of a 'Sustainability and Transformation Plan'.

I would be grateful if you could keep me informed of any action that you have taken.

Yours Sincerely