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To all newly elected Cllrs in Bridlington; firstly Congratulations! Well done!

Re: Bridlington Hospital; let me bring you up to speed, as a town we have a severe problem with retaining services at the Hospital; detailed below

I have requested a meeting with the Rt. Hon Greg Knight MP....A.S.A.P.

Would it be at all possible to arrange a meeting with Town Councillors at the earliest; at there next town hall meeting; there are many points I need to raise regarding the state of Bridlington Hospital and the loss of services which I feel will affect so many Patients, Residents & Visitors.

Many Services are in jeopardy and these points need addressing before it is too late and they have been removed for good!

Lloyd Ward which is a 24/7 Surgical Ward with some 28/30 beds is due to close within a month (May/June 07) and be nothing more than a Day Case Unit running 9am to 5pm reducing beds by at least 12; we are informed; I have complained to Iain McInnes Chief Exec Scarborough NHS Trust about night-time-patients returning from Scarborough to Bridlington as they previously did to recuperate; he assure me beds will be made available.

Priory Ward is to be a Dialysis Unit run by the Private sector? Is this the way forward

Cardiac Monitoring Unit the Scarborough NHS Trust is looking to use the back door to remove this vital service; The town as already voted to keep this service at Bridlington; the Trust have asked an independent London Czar to find a way forward.....(Back-door)

Maternity services the trust is looking to use the back door to remove this vital service and have been playing down figures for months then saying it is inadequately use; we all know that expectant mothers are always sent to Scarborough Hospital meaning that before long no babies will be registered as Bridlington born? East Yorkshire they become North Yorkshire registered.

Minor Injuries unit we are told this is to be re-opened but as yet no date as been given; we are still waiting?

Waters Ward - Mental Health Unit is to close at Bridlington Hospital by September 07 a consultation document is now in circulation the Humber Mental Health Teaching NHS Trust want to re-structure Services in Beverley; miles away for patients to travel; this is completely ridiculers; services need to remain in Bridlington as a town we have a lot of Mental health Patients.

Buckrose Ward Mental Health Unit also faces the axe; the lease for both Waters/Buckrose units runs out in 2010?

Car Parking Charges

Also due we are told will be the increase in **Car Parking Charges** for staff who could be forced to pay as much as **£180 per year**, patients and the visiting public could pay double the cost now imposed; the revenue raised from these charges will be used for; Security; CCTV Issues; the maintenance of grounds and repair to

car-parks; security men and a gardener....4 years ago when these car-park-charges were introduced this statement was made then revenue raised is in excess of **£750, 000?** Nothing has been done with this revenue raised over the 4 year period at Bridlington Hospital 2002/2007; it has gone into the big-pot to reduce debt. Is this not raising monies by fraud and under false pretence? All we have seen is the reduction of Porters; Gardener; Security men; No Gritting unless shamed by myself and group; no old signs replaced; CCTV (5) cameras still operable to date; pot holes in car park and much more. It is disgraceful

PS..... I wrote to **Miss Anne McIntosh LLB MP Vale of York**....offering my support to their Hospital problems; she thanked me and said she would be supporting our campaign.

I have also been in contact with the **Rt. Hon Robert Goodwill MP**; the **Rt. Hon Graham Stewart MP** & the **Rt. Hon Stewart Willie MP** all have pledged their support to our Campaign; also Greg Knight as spoken to the above regarding Health Issues in this rural area.

I would like to ask the following Councillors for their continued support in Hospital matters & retaining Services; we must all help to protect Bridlington Hospital Services for the formidable future; "Health is Paramount" Health is our Future!

All 8 Conservative Council Members have received a copy of this 2 page letter in support.

- **Tony Padwick Labour**
- **Shelagh Finley Labour**
- **Les Taylor SDP**
- **Wynn Taylor SDP**
- **Pamela Helen Austin Lib Democrat**
- **Alan Martin Charlesworth Lib Democrat**
- **Liam Dealtry SDP**
- **Linda Ruth Chambers Lib Democrat**
- **Bob Owen Independent**
- **Cyril Marsburg Conservative**
- **Michael Charlesworth Independent**
- **Raymond Allerston SDP**

To the above Councillors; I look forward to your reply in due course and your support please

I firmly believe the level of deprivation in Bridlington, the rural nature of the East Riding should have a significant factor in retaining all services @ Bridlington Hospital. It's the town's future!

I have now had talks with the **East Riding of Yorkshire Ambulance Service** manager; Paul Mudd and secured the Rapid Response Ambulance Car for this area until further notice due to the amount of 999 calls; also we are to have an Ambulance hard standing on Marton so Ambulances can reach Flamborough in good time. Other good news the EYAS as a Motor Cycle to help with Fast Emergencies

Scarborough NHS Trust Debt £7.2m

North Yorkshire PCT Debt £45m

With the above in mind a meeting would be good for all
Sincere and kindest regards Mick Pilling

17,000 Car Stickers have now been distributed in our Area; shops have them along with Businesses in Support of retaining Services and Stopping NHS Cuts!

75 Town Businesses have pledged their support to the Car-Stickers Campaign-Overwhelming Support

A **Petition** of no less than **22,500** signed for retaining services @ Bridlington Hospital- Amazing result; the complaints about services was also overwhelming.



Demand your rights to NHS Services
We don't want to travel miles....