

# Save Our Services at **PILGRIM HOSPITAL** **S.O.S. FOCUS GROUP**

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The documents listed in the Focus Group Information tab will give you an insight into the whole strategy and illustrate the concerns from Pilgrim Hospital Consultants and Staff.

Crucially the cost of the proposed strategy does not show any savings for the Trust. So why do it?

### **Please sign the Petitions:**

*E-petition* – This is an electronic petition that we have set up on the government site and when it reaches 100,000 signatures the question gets asked and possibly debated in the House of Commons.

*A local Petition* – This is being organized by this Focus Group and your entry will contribute to this Petition where the aim is at least 10,000 signatures.

As well as this electronic petition, there will be paper petitions in various locations around Boston so please pass the word and tell all your friends and family to sign up and support the saving of our important local services from Pilgrim. *We have seen an erosion of services especially local out of hours services moved to Lincoln to the detriment of Boston and region residents.*

Please make your views known

- Please download and send a letter to your MP - Matt Warman.
- There is an example letter to help you on this website.
- Our MP is working hard and is very supportive for our local services and he is seeking increased funding for Lincolnshire.

It is planned for the local petition to be presented to: -

- Matt Warman MP
- Directors of ULHT at Lincoln.
- Chair of the Lincolnshire Health and Care (LHAC) who provide residents with access to safe and good quality services CLOSER TO HOME and avoid where possible a lengthy hospital stay

LHAC link [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshire-health-and-care](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshire-health-and-care)

- East Clinical Commissioning Group Chief Accountable Officer.
  - This organisation is responsible for commissioning the services we receive from United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust. They are called the Lead Commissioners. Lincolnshire East Commissioning Group consists of 30 GP practices from Boston, East Lindsey, Skegness and Coastal Areas representing approximately 242,000 people. Their task is to commission or buy high quality health services.
- The Department of Health Minister - Jeremy Hunt MP

***PLEASE speak with your GP and you can join your GP Patient Liaison Group through which you can make contact with this Focus Group or contact us direct by Email.***

Please take action and do this NOW as this is a real and present threat to services from ULHT's strategy - and it will not go away. ULHT have told their stakeholders that .. ***“there is no option to do nothing”***.

They will take action and by the time the public consultation comes out, it WILL be too late – we must get involved before there is a “done deal”.

We have all seen in the past that public consultations only meets the legislation it does NOT change the decision making process.

## **Population comparison**

The total population of Lincoln 94,600 (census 2011) is really no more than Boston area with our large increase from Europe. It is suggested that Boston alone is closer to 100,000 and when

the government releases the NI figures we will know more BUT one fact will not change- we all rely on Pilgrim Hospital.

The entire urban area of Lincoln is 130,000 (census 2011) ONLY the same as Boston & Skegness 101,000 and Spalding 29,000 (2011 census) and those official figures are FIVE years old before many EU citizens settled here!

Those population density figures must also be considered in the context of these facts:

- There are over ONE million annual visitors to Skegness and the Coastal area.
- Latest news this week Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April is the newly announced initiative for extended tourism looking towards FOUR million tourist in the coming years!
- Plus there are many seasonal agricultural and other industry workers from Eastern Europe possibly in the thousands.

Our services from Pilgrim Hospital are vulnerable and jobs should not be put at risk and staff unsettled so that they leave for other Counties. The PILGRIM Hospital is invaluable and essential for Boston, Coastal and South Lincolnshire residents, seasonal Eu visitors and tourists UK and Overseas; we must NOT allow the superb National Health Service that exists thanks to Pilgrim Hospital and its hard working staff to be cut back, in favour of LINCOLN and even more so, down to the extent where lives are put at risk!