

To: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Manager

Councillor Call for Action Form

I would like to refer the councillor call for action as outlined below for consideration by scrutiny:

Councillor Call for Action - Topic and description of the issue

Removal of the full consultancy led maternity unit from Maidstone General Hospital to Rembury leaving a small midwife unit in Maidstone.

Action taken to resolve the issue (please append additional information if appropriate)

The organisation MASH which is a non-political group representing the interests of Maidstone People has made several representations to the Hospital Authority. The Lib Dem PPC and myself took a petition with over 2000 names and spoke to the hospital authority\*scaringly to no effect. \*PTO

Desired Outcome from Scrutiny

Full Consultancy led Maternity Unit located at Maidstone General Hospital.

Desired Witnesses

Alan Douglas  
Alan Puteas  
Paul (BMA)  
Steve Phoenix

Member Raising the CCfA

1. FRANK WILSON

Signed

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\* Alan Douglas

There was one scrutiny at KCC 4 years ago but this was chaired by a councillor from Taubridge Wells. No comments were returned to the PCT by KCC. Whilst I wish to make it clear that ~~we~~ I am making no adverse comments about the chairman I have to say that in the eyes of the public perception this is not regarded as an impartial or independent chair or committee.

One major meeting at HBC, again some years ago, forced ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Chief Executive, Rose Gibbs, to say she would think again - in actual fact the views of Maidstone people and their representatives have been ignored.

The statistical evidence does not support the removal of this service to Kenbury, rather, if there can only be one unit, the evidence supports the full consultant led unit being located in Maidstone.

I believe the people of Maidstone, but especially the people I represent in High Street Ward, the Halls most deprived area in the South East, are entitled to a full explanation as to why this statistical evidence is being ignored and we demand that the full consultant led maternity unit remains in Maidstone.

(13/12/02)

signed by #