

SHOULD MOFFAT HOSPITAL CLOSE?

LETTER CAMPAIGN

It is important that if you consider the closure or reduction of services at Moffat Hospital is not acceptable then you are requested to write to the people below.

A **Personal letter**, even a short one, is most beneficial. Listed below are a few suggestions that you may wish to include in your letter.

Transport

- # No direct and limited public transport to Annan.
- # Many older people have no access to private transport or do not hold driving licence.
- # The proposals by D & G Council to reduce support to transport initiatives & concessionary fares will reduce available public transport.
- # The result of this proposal is against all recommended "green" policies.

Finance

- # Why does the Health Board prefer the most expensive option?
- # Who will provide the additional funding for home social care to supplement the home medical care proposed?
- # Additional personal costs of visiting friends or relations in Annan Hospital.
- # The development of the Enhanced Community Care Teams will require the recruitment of additional staff.

Some of the Services Which Would be Affected If Hospital Closed

- # NO rehabilitation or palliative care beds available locally.
- # Reduction of the available physiotherapy and podiatrist services.
- # NO meeting place for mother and baby clinics.
- # NO venue for minor surgery or specialists visits.

Available hospital beds in Annandale & Eskdale

- # Beds in Annandale & Eskdale reduced **from 64 to 37**

Personal Experiences.

Very important that you express your own or family experiences of Moffat Hospital

General

The proposals would be in conflict with the statements by the Health Secretary who states:

" I am committed to ensuring that the health services remain local".

" Local healthcare services are much valued --- by having services close to home"

The proposals are NOT a done deal and the final decision will be made by the above Health Secretary – Nicola Sturgeon

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