SOS GRANTHAM HOSPITAL PETITION FORM 2016

Stop United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust downgrading Grantham **Hospital A&E Now!**

TO: Chairman Dean Fathers ULHT & Dr Tony Hill, Lincolnshire County Council, Minister for Health

I oppose plans to cement the downgrading of Grantham A&E by ULHT.

I call for the restoration of a fully supported A&E Unit at Grantham.

Grantham is a key transport hub located in South West Lincolnshire. In addition to serving a local population of over 120,000 people, thousands of people travel near or through Grantham daily on the A1, the A52 and on the Mainline railway. This area needs an A&E Unit. Research shows for every 1 km travelled there is an increased risk of patient mortality. Grantham is at least 38km (23 miles) from next nearest A&E unit. People with respiratory and allergy problems are at particular risk of delay.

Grantham Hospital had a fully operational A&E Unit, a consultant led midwifery unit and Paediatric Ward.
Under United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust, acute services have been eroded. Paediatric overnight stays were stopped, our Maternity Unit was closed and now the new ULHT Management Team plan to cement the undermining of vital A&E services for good. ULHT propose to send people with acute emergency need to Lincoln Hospital. Lincoln Hospital is struggling to cope with its existing workload. It has among the highest mortality rates in the country. The area has poor transport and poor road links. Local people without a car or unable to drive cannot access Lincoln A & E without using an ambulance. East Midlands Ambulance Service is struggling to cope with its workload whilst delivering a timely quality service. Lincs Fire & Rescue First Responders support EMAS. They will face increased pressure on their resources. **Stop the cuts at Grantham Hospital now.**

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