

Mid Ulster Hospital put up for rent,

This handpicked workshop event created by the Northern Trust was to put part of the hospital up for rent for the likes of offices for charities, the Trust wanted the consent of the workshop to put forward a £1 million pound business case to the Trust to start demolition and reconstruction works to wards 1,2,3,5,6.

These plans are already in place, having been created and priced last year and covered exclusively by the Mid Ulster Mail, to include the removal of inpatients at Thompson House to turn it into an administrative building for the Trust, the creation of a GP centre to house the GP's from the Diamond Centre practise in Magherafelt, paid car parking and a non-health related Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Trust claimed to have invited 1,000 different groups, if that was the case why was there only 2 sessions held that could only accommodate 60 people maximum held? Why not all community groups invited as Save the Mid were informed other groups who serve the community of the existence of this event.

Save The Mid have written to the Chief Executive of the NHSCT Sean Donaghy , we also meet on the 1st Feb 2012 to lodge a formal complaint based on the meeting which involves:

- the selective manner in where guests were invited
- that this business plan is not being fully consulted upon and a full public consultation must be done before any plans are implemented
- that no equality impact assessment has been carried out
- that these plans are already agreed having being agreed last year when architects were paid £12,000 to design the new plans

The plans that were not shown to the guests was the removal of clinics currently provided by the Trust in Moneymore and Cookstown, had these been shown the Charities may not of been as keen to try and avail of cheap office space at the Mid Ulster Hospital

These charities must remember that if they take this opportunity to destroy the hospital in favour of cheap rent they also destroy the opportunity to reopen health care services at the Mid Ulster hospital site, as charities they represent some members of the community the Mid Ulster Hospital as a hospital once served a community of 90,000 people. the Northern Health & Social Care Trust must face the public in regards to service changes to the Mid Ulster hospital and wait until the public are consulted before they continue their path of destruction.

This meeting was purely to get approval from the handpicked crowd for the Mid Ulster Hospital to be turned into Magherafelt Health Centre to serve only Magherafelt Council residents, according to the Trust representatives at the Magherafelt Council have agreed to these plans something that Save The Mid will be following up over the