## Save The Mid - News letter June 2012

Save The Mid was formed in May 2010 to lobby for the return of acute services to the Mid Ulster Hospital, Magherafelt, Northern Ireland.

Most Popular Stories from Save The Mid web site:

- Mid Ulster Hospital Out-patient and Day Case Surgery Affected by Retirements According the Northern Health & Social Care Trust variation report there will be
  reduced activity in Daycase and Outpatients for General Surgery until the
  recruitment of new consultants at The Mid Ulster Hospital site.
- Antrim Hospital Edwin Poots denies the corridor ward at Antrim Hospital where hundreds of patients have been left waiting on trolleys since the removal of A&E services at the Mid Ulster Hospital, Magherafelt.
- 3. <u>John Compton Health review</u> Only two District Councils, Lisburn & Fermanagh, submitted written responses to the Compton Review
- 4. Northern Health & Social Care Trust Performance May 2012
- 5. Antrim Hospital changes for better or for worse?
- 6. New Neonatal Unit Antrim is too small by RQIA standards Fears are already sparked before the provision of a new neonatal unit at Antrim Hospital, The Northern Health & Social Care Trust board have passed a new neonatal care unit that will be too small in regards to RQIA standards.

Save The Mid were requested to give recommendation's to the Health Committee, these recommendations were noted by the committee on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. These recommendations have been in existence since May 2011 when the NHSCT began closing inpatients at the Mid Ulster Hospital site, Save The Mid are happy to announce that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 Sean Donaghy CEO NHSCT stated to the Trust Boards that ward two will reopen for inpatients. List of recommendations:

- ➤ Recommendation 1-The immediate reintroduction of A&E services at The Mid Ulster Hospital site between the hours of 9am to 11pm.
- Recommendation 2 -The immediate introduction of out of hours Minor Injury Services at the Mid Ulster Hospital site between the hours of 11pm to 9am.
- Recommendation 3 -The relocation of Dalriada Doctor on Call to the Mid Ulster site.
- **Recommendation 4** The reopening of Ward 2 at the Mid Ulster Hospital Site.
- Recommendation 5 The reopening of Ward 3 at the Mid Ulster Hospital site to house those patients that will be moved from ward 6 of the Mid Ulster Hospital by Jan 2013.
- > Recommendation 6 Reintroduction of High dependency unit to provide back up for previous recommendations.
- ➤ Recommendation 7 Reintroduction of inpatient general Surgery to provide back up for previous recommendation's.
- ➤ Recommendation 8 Time spent waiting for treatment, discharge or transfer in Antrim's: 1. Short Stay ward, 2. Clinical decision ward, 3. New Corridor ward that has curtains blocking part of the A&E entry where patients are wheeled into Added into the Emergency care waiting times.
- Recommendation 9 All plans to reconfigure services within the Northern Health & Social Care Trust be postponed until such times service's within the trust are stabilised and made clinically safe.



## **Performance related information**

- NHSCT performance May 2012
- Rutter & Hinds report, Antrim A&E

## Save The Mid Submissions to Compton Health review

- Report Into Minor Injury
  Review & Health
  Services In Mid Ulster
- Save The Mid, review of NHSCT Out Patient & Inpatient performance
- Save The Mid, Survey of patients experience in Antrim & Causeway A&E's

## Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety

• 30/05/2012, Antrim Area Hospital: Accident and Emergency Reports