

# **KEEP CANCER CARE IN CORNWALL CAMPAIGN**

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**We are aware that you receive many documents every day but we believe it is vitally important that you read this one.**

Enclosed is the Keep Cancer Care in Cornwall Campaigns response to the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust (C&IOSPCT) and the Peninsula Cancer Network's (PCN) proposal to remove Upper Gastro-Intestinal Cancer Surgery from Cornwall with almost immediate effect.

Their document can be found on the Cornwall & Isles of Scilly PCT website at: <http://www.cornwall.nhs.uk/CIOSPCT/InvolvementAndAccessToInformation/PatientandPublicInvolvement.aspx>.

Our response highlights the lack of patient and public involvement at any stage of the proposal.

We challenge figures and tables used by the C&IOSPCT and PCN in their document.

Our document includes current national and international extracts from highly esteemed medical journals which present an alternative view to those given in the proposals to remove cancer surgery services from Cornwall.

We have outlined the effects the removal of this service will have on the Cancer Patients of Cornwall with regards to travel, financial hardship as well as emotionally.

It includes an extract on the effect that removing this service has on a District General Hospital and the resultant effect on other groups of patients.

We have questioned Cornwall County Council's Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees actual scrutiny of these proposals, to remove several cancer surgery services and other services from Cornwall

Thank you,

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On behalf of the Keep Cancer Care in Cornwall Campaign.