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PRESS RELEASE

WANSTEAD HOSPITAL

The Redbridge Health Scrutiny Committee visited the Heronwood and Galleon Wards at Wanstead Hospital on Thursday 30 May 2013. In the course of the tour, they were told that there was a plan to close 14 of the 46 beds.

If this were to happen, it would have a significant impact on our local community, which has a large proportion of elderly residents. Also it would put extra stress on local community health services as well as the services provided at Whipps Cross, King George Hospital and Queen's Hospital Romford, all of which are showing signs of strain.

As it is mandatory that a full public consultation be undertaken before any bed closures can take place, we shall write to Mr Conor Burke, now the Accountable Officer for the Redbridge Clinical Group [CCG]

to request that this be done as soon as possible. In his letter of 10 December 2010 he wrote: *"We do not see GPs making any decisions on the service provided from the former hospital site in Wanstead until the rehabilitation model within the Health4NEL has been agreed. No*



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changes could occur until this has taken place and the public have been fully involved in the process.”

In addition, following the meeting in Wanstead Library, on 9 December 2010, the Council Leader Cllr Keith Prince wrote: *“I will organise a public meeting with the NHS once the consultation documents regarding Wanstead Hospital are released.”*



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