



Wanstead & Snaresbrook Residents' Alliance

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A reconsideration of whether or not to refer the closure of Wanstead Hospital to the Secretary of State for investigation by the Independent Reconfiguration Panel

There will be an Extraordinary Health Scrutiny Committee meeting in the Council Chamber at 7:15 pm on Wednesday 13 May. This is because [a quote from the meeting papers] *"It was the view of the Chair and the Spokespersons that this Extra-ordinary meeting be convened to consider if there is sufficient evidence to support further pursuit of the referral previously made to the Secretary of State for Health (SoS) and to delegate the Director of Adult Social Services, Health and Wellbeing to respond accordingly to the SoS in consultation with the Chair and Spokespersons."*

You can read the 64 page document by going to Redbridge i/All sections/The Council/Meetings Calendar/13 May. To point out the main pages: 1 = Agenda, 3-7= history of the consultation, 20-21= Redbridge's letter of referral to the SOS, 22 = SoS response **the key quote in this letter is:***"It would be helpful if the Committee could provide further evidence, referring specifically to the provisions as laid out in the Regulations, in order for the request to be appropriately considered."* 23-27 detailed instructions on how to provide the necessary information, 43-50 a highly biased table putting the pros and cons of continuing with the referral.

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I intend to speak at the meeting on behalf of WASRA and encourage other people to do so. As you know, speaking time is limited but residents were encouraged to speak at the last Health Scrutiny Committee on this topic. As you may know, any member of the public is allowed to speak [officially for 2 minutes maximum but some flexibility was shown last time] and the speaker must give a minimum of 24 hours notice that they wish to speak. If you wish to register to speak, you need to contact the Committee Secretary Leontia Brewer on 0208 708 2351 or leontia.brewer@redbridge.gov.uk.

Time is very tight but if you feel that a meeting would help in preparation then I would be happy to host one here.

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