

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 3 JULY 2013

Question by: Mr Carlo Nero

To: Cabinet Member for Community Care

QUESTION

“In looking back at the leaflets, flyers and other literature the council was distributing across the borough last summer costing taxpayers tens of thousands of pounds, I was reminded that the council was explicitly and unreservedly campaigning to save Hammersmith and Charing Cross' A & Es and Charing Cross Hyper Acute Stroke Unit. By definition, this is what saving our local hospitals meant to the council. There was no mention When the Council began campaigning to save some minor injury and outpatient treatment, demolishing most of the hospital, getting rid of nearly all the beds, and leaving only a GP-run clinic. In light of recent revelations that A&Es across the country are completely overwhelmed and causing an increase in loss of life, and that areas which have lost their A&Es are also experiencing a substantial increase in deaths, how can the council honestly claim to be saving lives with the loss of both of the borough's A&Es?”