

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

COUNCIL MEETING – 3 JULY 2013

Question by: Ms Dede Wilson

To: Cabinet Member for Community Care

QUESTION

“Why were requests for Council help to inform residents, schools, residents associations, churches & community groups of the proposed threats to our hospitals during the consultation largely ignored and an urgent request to leaflet residents in the borough about the threat of closure and demolition of CXH in October refused at the Phoenix School on the grounds that it was too expensive?”

ANSWER

“The Council went to considerable efforts to raise awareness of the SAHF review, both during the consultation period and after a decision had been announced. We leafleted 85,000 homes, we wrote to every GP and community leader, and we took regular space in the local newspaper during the consultation period. We organised a public meeting last September, blitzing the borough with posters to publicise that meeting. We have worked as hard to inform residents as we have to analyse clinical arguments and influence health managers.”