

## **Community Voice Current Activities "Hillingdon Group"**

### **1. The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT**

**a. Hillingdon Hospital / MV hospital external estate repairs:** A year ago we assembled dossiers with photographs of external repairs needed at both Hillingdon Hospital and Mount Vernon Hospital and took these to the Chief Executive. Some repairs were put into operation speedily, others we accepted required inclusion in forward plans. We offered to ask charitable organisations for help to maintain expensive listed buildings, but that offer was not accepted. Some time later we were shown improvements at Mount Vernon and were promised a similar tour at Hillingdon Hospital, which has not yet been honoured. We are considering further action.

**b. Car Parking:** We are represented on the Car Parking Committees at both Hillingdon Hospital and Mount Vernon Hospital and endeavour to represent the interests of patients and visitors. The problem of car parking at Hillingdon Hospital is acute due to shortage of space, with no easy answer. At Mount Vernon Hospital the chief issue is the cost, but space is usually available.

**c. Mount Vernon signage:** We are represented on this committee and have put forward a number of suggestions for improvements, usually agreed, but implementation is slow.

### **2. Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group**

**a. Northwood and Pinner Hospital patients:** We supported these patients when they were moved from that hospital to Mount Vernon - and monitored their facilities at Mount Vernon until their further move to the new Hawthorn Intermediate Care Unit in the Woodlands Centre on the Hillingdon Hospital site, which is operated by Central & North West London FT. We shall continue to monitor their new services.

**b. Hillingdon CCG's £15m inherited debt:** We have protested to MPs and others that it is morally indefensible for Hillingdon residents to repay a debt that they had no possible means to control. Depriving them of services available elsewhere is a postcode lottery of the worst kind. At Hillingdon CCG Board Meetings in public there has been little discussion on this issue but it contributes to this CCG having a deficit budget for the year. We shall continue to protest whenever possible.

**c. Hillingdon Urgent Care Centre:** We were concerned at the appointment of Greenbrook Healthcare to operate the Urgent Care Centre at Hillingdon Hospital and have monitored its progress closely. However, it has exceeded all expectations. We have invited its Chief Executive to be our guest speaker at our meeting in March 2014 to hear details from him and to allow members to ask him their questions.

**d. Northwood and Pinner Hospital site:** Defence of this site has become part of our history. It is a war memorial to the local dead of the First World War and in our view should continue to be of service to local people. We liaised with Sylvie Pierce in her 2012 review of options for the site, commissioned by NHS Hillingdon, which offered positive proposals with which we concurred, that were not implemented. On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 the site passed to the care of NHS Property Services Ltd, an organisation that has refused to see our representatives to hear our concerns and proposals. Hillingdon CCG has first option on use of the site but shows no indication of wishing to use it. We shall continue to take every possible action to defend this site.