

NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

NHS BOARD MEETING

Head of Administration

21 February 2017



Paper No: 17/02

**Petitions – Royal Alexandra Hospital Services**

**Purpose of Paper:-**

The Board is asked to note that four petitions have been received by the Board as described below.

**Key Issues to be considered:-**

Petition 1

The petition is as follows:

*“Protect our RAH Services*

*We the undersigned call on the Health Secretary to give a long term guarantee that the RAH will be protected from cuts and the Scottish Government must provide adequate funding to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board.*

*NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and the Scottish Government must put a stop to any plans to close or downgrade services at the RAH, including the Children’s Ward and Paisley Maternity.*

*Furthermore, our excellent NHS staff in A & E and other departments must not be placed under additional pressure as a result of closures elsewhere”.*

There are approximately 3,000 signatures.

Petition 2

The petition is as follows

*“We, the undersigned, call for the RAH to be protected from cuts.*

*NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and the SNP Government must put a stop to any plans to close or downgrade services at the RAH, including the Children’s Ward, and Paisley Maternity. Furthermore our excellent NHS staff in A&E and other departments must not be placed under additional pressure as a result of cuts elsewhere.”*

There are approximately 3,000 signatures.

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Petition 3

The petition is in the form of a standard letter headed

*“Objection to the Health Board proposal to close ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital”*

There are 48 such letters.

Petition 4

The on-line petition is as follows

*“We the undersigned call on Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board and the Scottish Government to scrap its plan to close the children’s ward (Ward 15) at the RAH and to keep paediatric inpatient services in Paisley”*

<https://www.change.org/p/greater-glasgow-and-clyde-health-board-kids-need-our-ward>

There are 525 signatures as at 13 February 2017.

The issues related to Ward 15 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital will be discussed as part of the agenda under item 7.

The petitions can be made available for viewing through the Head of Administration.

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