



STATEMENT PREPARED FOR LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL

CAMPAIGN ORGANISATION

The Support the Princess Royal Hospital campaign was set up by the four Members of Parliament, whose constituencies will be most affected by the West Sussex Primary Care Trust's (PCT) proposals, namely, Nicholas Soames (Mid Sussex), Norman Baker (Lewes), Nick Herbert (Arundel & South Downs) & Charles Hendry (Wealden).

The Executive Committee comprises these four MPs. The secretary is Mrs V Heard, & the Treasurer, P J Shanahan FCCA.

There is a campaign Committee, comprising local activists, including PRH staff, Haywards Heath Town Councillors, and District Councillors from Lewes and Mid Sussex, and concerned residents.

FINANCES

A fighting fund was launched in August, with an appeal to the general public and local businesses, with a target of £50,000.

We have approached all the Town Councils in Mid Sussex, and the District councils for Mid Sussex and Lewes. We have approached the business community, both directly, and through business Associations. Total income expected from these sources is in the region of £32,000. Details of contributions received and expected are shown below.

In addition, we have arranged a number of fund raising events, the first of which will be held on 10th October. These could generate an additional £5,000.

Donations to date total some £25,000, including £1,350 from local businesses & £1,000 from Burgess Hill Town Council. The balance of £23,650 is from personal and smaller business contributions.

In addition, it is understood that three Parish Councils (both from East & West Sussex) have pledged a total of £550, and that Haywards Heath is considering a grant of £1,000. Mid Sussex District Council has already made contribution in kind approaching £1,000, and will contribute to the cost of the Health Economist (see below).

Additionally, local business has sponsored a variety of the campaign printing/publicity material, to the value of £2,300.

The campaign banks with LloydsTSB in Haywards Heath. The latest statement, drawn up to 28th September shows a balance at bank of £24,587.88

Campaign Costs

The Campaign is preparing a rebuttal of the three options put forward by the PCT, and a fourth option, for the retention of Maternity Consultants at the PRH. We shall employ an Health Economist to contribute to this work, at a cost of some £20,000. We have incurred publicity and printing costs of some £10,000, and expect to have to consult a QC on the PCT options and the conduct of the process.