

KarKlinik
the vehicle specialists
est over 13 years

MOT £35.00
with this advert!

See our website for the latest offers
www.karklinik.co.uk
Tel. 020 8692 2242
320 Brockley Road, Brockley, SE4 2BT

Hospital campaigner says it would be madness to ignore views



Protesters march in Lewisham SIMON WAY/h3978/C

'NOBODY WANTS THESE CHANGES'

A CAMPAIGNER who joined a mass demonstration against proposals to downgrade Lewisham Hospital has said the march should serve as a wake-up call for the Health Secretary.

More than 25,000 protesters brought Lewisham town centre to a standstill as people from across the capital joined forces to fight plans to strip the hospital of its A&E, children's A&E and high-risk maternity units.

Queuing drivers sounded their car horns in support as people marched from Loampit Vale roundabout in Lewisham to a rally in Mountsfield Park, Catford.

Campaign organiser and mum of three

By KATE GOULD

Vicky Penner said: "This should be a wake-up call to Mr Hunt to listen to the overwhelming support for the retention of services at Lewisham Hospital.

"No one wants this and the many tens of thousands who marched showed this.

Dangerous

"To go against all the views of doctors, nurses, MPs and ordinary people who have consistently been against these dangerous proposals would be madness."

Speakers at the rally included local doctors,

MPs Heidi Alexander and Dame Joan Ruddock and LBC presenter Nick Ferrari.

The proposals were tabled by government-appointed administrator Matthew Kershaw, who was brought in to sort out a financial crisis in a neighbouring hospitals trust.

The South London Healthcare Trust (SLHT) was declared bankrupt in July after racking up debts of £150million.

Mr Hunt is due to make his decision on the proposals by this Friday.

**MORE FROM THE MARCH:
PAGE 6**



Lewisham Mercury Series

50p where sold

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

St George's MOT Centre
10 George Lane, SE13 6HH

MOT £40 with this advert

Class 4 Petrol & Diesel Friendly helpful staff
We can arrange to collect your car if more suitable

Phone

020 8698 8875

10 Working Day FREE RETEST Workshop Facilities If Required

Barbaros
Unisex Hair Salon Established Since 1988

LEWISHAM BUSINESS AWARD
WINNER 2008, 2009 & 2010
Highly commended by the South
London's Favourite Business
Awards 2011

First Visit wash cut and
blow dry only £27

Students 20% off all colour
when you have a cut and blow dry (not Saturday)

Thurs/Fri Offer Foil Hi-Lites or Low-Lites
- Half Head £40 Full Head £85
- Hair Cuts for Men only £12

Also check out our website for monthly
special offers - www.barbaros.co.uk

58 Honor Oak Park, SE23 1DY 020 8291 1871
Tuesday - Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-6pm

PLEASE BRING THIS ADVERT WITH YOU TO CLAIM DISCOUNT

Posh Hair & Beauty Salon

20% OFF on the following

Fix your weave on, European tracks, Ghana braids, twisting, KinkyTwist, braids and many more from £20
Nails, eyelashes, eyebrow tinting etc from £5
Pedicure and Manicure



- Brazilian
- Peruvian
- Indian
- Mongolian
- Malaysian
- Cambodian Hair
- Full lace wigs
- Lace frontals
- Lace closures etc

MEGA SALES

6 Deptford Broadway, London SE8 4PA
020 8694 3878 / 07889 285 949

'We won't stand by and let them destroy hospital'



Protesters listen to speeches at the rally *SIMON WAY/h3976/C*

By KATE GOULD

SATURDAY'S march against the downgrading of Lewisham Hospital united residents and businesses from all walks of life with doctors, health staff and politicians.

Home-made banners showed people's anger about the fact a solvent and successful hospital faces losing services as part of an administrator's plans to save the bankrupt neighbouring South London Health Care Trust (SLHT).

Bands played and car horns hooted their support along the marchers' route from Lewisham town centre and Mountsfield Park in Catford.

Feeder marches began in Blackheath and Goldsmiths University in New Cross and joined up with protesters from the main march for a rally in the park.

Organiser Vicky Penner said: "The Prime Minister said the NHS was safe in his hands - but these proposals show it's not.

"If Jeremy Hunt accepts the proposals we will fight on and mount a legal challenge. We will go on fighting until we win because we won't stand by and let the hospital be destroyed."

Dr Helen Tattersfield, local GP and chairwoman of Lewisham's Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "If the Government can close down Lewisham Hospital, then no successful hospital in the country is safe."

A banner carried by one youngster summed up the sentiment of many with the line "A five-year-old could tell you it does not add up."

Speakers at the rally included a



Protesters on the march

41406RL02

representative from Millwall Football Club, who passed on support from Charlton Athletic Football Club.

Lewisham East MP Heidi Alexander described the proposals as "insane".

She said the proposal to close services at a "successful, solvent and high performing hospital" is "sheer madness".

She said: "It is driven by an accountant's bottom line.

"This will rip the heart out of the NHS in Lewisham."

A spokesman for the Department of Health said: "We appreciate the

recommendations for the future of SLHT concern many people from the local community.

"The NHS is rightly one of our most treasured institutions.

"However, where trusts face long-standing problems we have been clear that doing nothing is not an option.

"There isn't an easy solution to the problems at SLHT.

"The Secretary of State has received the recommendations from the trust special administrator which he will carefully consider and will announce his final decision by early February 2013."



Thousands of people march past Lewisham Hospital

SIMON WAY/h3894/C

S&A
Auto Car Care Centre
 Repairs and Servicing to all Makes and Models
 Part Worn Tyres Supplied and Fitted

Simal Gunalan
 Rear of 330 Lee High Road
 London SE13 5PJ

Tel: **020 8852 4633**
 Mobile: **07930 394 205**
 Email: **SAautos@hotmail.co.uk**

IM★GINE
 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Sponsored by **BookPeople**

THEATRE, MUSIC & DANCE

TOP AUTHORS including
 David Walliams
 Anthony Horowitz
 Judith Kerr

FREE HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

BOOK TICKETS
 SOUTHBANKCENTRE.CO.UK/IMAGINE
 0844 847 9910

11 - 24 FEBRUARY 2013



SOUTHBANK CENTRE