Victory parade: hospital campaigners vow to fight on

NO STOPPING US

By KATE GOULD

CAMPAIGNERS staged a parade through the streets on Saturday after their victory against a Government decision to downgrade Lewisham Hospital. The celebration was led out by a specially decorated dustcart, symbolising Lewisham council’s support.

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We will NOT give up on our battle

HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN VICTORY PARADE

HUNDREDS of people braved the rain in a show of support for their South London hospital.

Supporters of the Save Lewisham Hospital campaign took to the borough's streets on Saturday for a victory parade that finished at Ladywell Fields with a rally, family fun activities and musical entertainment.

They were celebrating their High Court success at stopping the proposed closure of the hospital's A&E and high-risk maternity services.

It was also a chance to update people about the legal challenge launched by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt to appeal against the decision.

Campaign chairwoman Dr Louise Irvine said: “After almost a year of intensive campaigning, we held a very positive celebratory family event to mark our July victory in the High Court and to say thank you to the people of Lewisham for the amazing support they have shown for Lewisham Hospital.”

Lewisham Hospital A&E consultant Dr Choli Rinseko said: “Jeremy Hunt couldn’t stop us and neither could the rain.

“The whole country – indeed, people around the world - know now that the loss of crucial Lewisham services would be catastrophic to the health of South Londoners.

“We have people’s lives every day and that has to continue.”

Dr Tony O’Sullivan, head of paediatric services at the hospital, said: “Stronger together is the phrase.

“We will not give up the fight.

“No matter how Hunt tries to spin it, retaining our high quality A&E, maternity, ICU [intensive care] and paediatric services is crucial to the health of South Londoners.”

Lewisham council is also pursuing its own judicial review appeal, jointly with the campaign, and supported the event – even leading off the parade with a celebratory decorated dustcart.

Mayor Sir Steve Bullock said: “This has been an intelligent, well informed campaign and it is important for us to join up and celebrate the High Court victory.

“The Secretary of State has chosen to appeal the judge’s decision and we will continue to argue that he had no right to downgrade the much-needed services at Lewisham Hospital.”

A fundraising event takes place at 7.30pm on Saturday, September 27.

Tickets cost £10 from www.saviewleishamhospital.org.uk/victory-event-rivals.

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