**Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign strategy adopted at AGM 2016**

**Our Strategic Aim**

The Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign exists on behalf of the Lewisham community to defend Lewisham Hospital and our local health services, which, along with the rest of the NHS, remain under enormous pressure and threats from cuts, privatisation and PFI.

As a campaign we must remain the eyes and ears of the community and mobilise the community to defend our services.

We must continue to be part of the wider battle to defend our NHS, working in solidarity with other campaigns, doing joint actions and tackling together the issues that affect us all.

**Campaign objectives**

Our primary aim is to defend health services in Lewisham. In particular this means acute medical, surgical and paediatric services, maternity, mental health, primary care (including GP services), public health and community care. We also need to defend social care as this has an impact on health care. To achieve this end we will:

1. Oppose all cuts to local health and social care services and demand that the NHS gets the funding it needs. We will continue to argue that the NHS is underfunded not unsustainable.
2. Oppose privatisation of NHS services.

4. Oppose PFI (Private Finance Initiative).

5. Challenge European or UK legislation, where it could damage the NHS, such as TTIP.

1. Defend the rights and pay of all healthcare workers, whether outsourced or employed by the NHS.
2. Challenge racism in the NHS, including calls to exclude immigrants from access to healthcare and attacks on migrant health workers
3. Support legislation that will restore the NHS as a full public service. Oppose legislation that threatens the NHS.
4. Show solidarity with campaigns against cuts and austerity in the public sector locally and nationally who have similar objectives to our own. Where appropriate and within our capacity to do so we will support international health campaigns.

**Practical proposals for action over the coming period:**

1. Prepare for further attacks on Lewisham Hospital and local health services. Currently across the country all areas are under threat of major hospital closure plans reconfigurations to save money. These are called the Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP). In south east London the Our Healthier South East London five year plan (OHSEL) has become the south east London STP. We will continue to question the OHSEL/STP plans and challenge any plans to close local services.
2. Oppose cuts or privatisation of services such as health visiting, school nursing and other public health services that are commissioned by the local authority., including social care.
3. Continue the work of the anti-marketisation working-group in challenging privatisation and scrutinising the commissioning process.
4. Monitor the work of the Trust Board and local CCGs, to learn of possible threats or changes in services, such as OHSEL and STP.
5. Monitor devolution plans.
6. Oppose cuts to the NHS budget and cuts in staff. Oppose austerity policies because they damage the NHS and the health of the whole population.
7. Actively campaign against proposals to privatise any local health services.
8. Participate in and support Keep Our NHS Public and Health Campaigns Together as affiliates.
9. Support the NHS Reinstatement Bill (known as the NHS Bill) and any similar legislation. Support campaigns and initiatives against PFI, and the damaging impact of PFI on our hospitals and health services.