MOTION TAKEN AT PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH OCTOBER 2016 AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH BLACKHEATH SE3

REGARDING THE MSK SERVICE CONTRACT BEING AWARDED BY GREENWICH CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP [GCCG] TO CIRCLE HOLDINGS PLC

We the residents of Lewisham and Greenwich oppose the service being awarded to Circle Holdings on the grounds and in the manner that this decision was taken without full consultation and transparency for the following reasons:

1. Although the decision was made on 29 June it was not put into the public domain until the 17 August. The CCG meeting on 27July, which was attended by members of the public, made no mention of the MSK decision. The lack of transparency from the CCG has made it impossible for us to make a legal challenge within the necessary timescale.
2. The CCG did not follow its own constitution. The CCG constitution requires there to be four GPs to make the meeting quorate. There were no GPs at the meeting which made the decision to award the contract to Circle. All GPs on the board had to leave the room due to conflict of interest. Three CCG employees took the doctors’ vote to achieve a quorum. Two were interim directors; one had only been in post for four months and the other for twenty days. See below extract taken from the CCG's up to date Constitution.

*3.8.2 The Governing Body is quorate when there are seven members present including four GP members.*

*3.8.3 If the Chair or member has been disqualified from participating in the discussion on any matter and/or from voting on any resolution by reason of a declaration of a conflict of interest (see Section 3.12 below) that person shall no longer count towards the quorum. If a quorum is then not available for the discussion and/or the passing of a resolution on any matter, that matter may not be discussed further or voted upon at that meeting. Such a position shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The meeting must then proceed to the next business.*

 3. There had been no proper consultation as laid down in the regulations and no evidence produced to this effect.

4. Greenwich CCG did not do an impact assessment on the local health economy, including Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

We request our MPs urgently to raise this issue in Parliament and with the Secretary of State, before this contract is signed and a full investigation/review of the process taken.

We also call upon elective representatives in the Local Authority to use their Legal Statutory Rights and Duty towards the residents of both Boroughs to ensure we have a good quality MSK service.