

## **BERA E-Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> November (Part 1) –**

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**1. BERA sponsored coffee morning.** We are delighted this event is still so popular and the next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 10am-12 midday. Come along for a coffee and a mince pie.

**2.** The article below about Chelmsford NHS has been forwarded by a BERA member who thought you may be interested to see it. It also mentions a meeting for the Southend campaign.

### **DEFEND OUR NHS CHELMSFORD (formerly Defend Our A&E**

**campaign)**<https://www.facebook.com/defendourae/>

Dear friends.

#### **Have we been misled on patient transfers?**

Chelmsford NHS campaigners met with local health bosses just last month and were told that only a 'small proportion' of seriously ill patients would be treated at hospitals away from Broomfield. However, reports have emerged this week that suggest the majority of stroke patients will instead be transferred to Basildon Hospital (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-41989240>).

We met with Clare Pannicker, Broomfield, Basildon, and Southend Hospitals C.E.O., and the Success Regime's

Dr Ronan Fenton just a few weeks ago. We were assured that the move to specialist centres would still see the vast majority of emergency patients treated at their local hospital. Just a “small proportion”, the most very seriously ill, would be transferred. Yet here we are receiving reports from consultants at Southend that many more patients will be moved elsewhere. And these consultants are saying that the large number of transfers will endanger patients. Have we been misled? What has changed in just a few weeks?

The sad truth is the proposed changes are not being clinically driven, but driven by the need to cut many more millions from our NHS in mid and south Essex. NHS cuts will cost lives.

### **The Success Regime's consultation on proposed changes period has now opened**

(<http://www.successregimeessex.co.uk/have-your-say/>).

Please ensure you get involved.

### **Southend campaign's public meeting**

Saturday 25 November at 16:00–18:00, Westcliff British Legion, 7 - 9 Northview Drive, Southend. SS0 9NG. All welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/events/747102195473777/>

Based upon the above, the NHS bureaucrats are saying the same thing to residents in Basildon, Chelmsford and Southend. Is this a divide and conquer approach, if so it

is very underhanded and who can we trust?

3. Our member and Councillor Derek Kenyon has been taking an active role in **walking his ward** in the Thorpe Bay area making a note of all the dangerous paving areas.

4. **Reminder** – On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December the Bella Voce Vocalists will be at St Augustine's Church for a 7.30 start and this event will be followed by refreshments.

5. Ron sent the following email to the deputy chief Executive about the traffic flows on the Queensway regeneration project:

Sir, I need you to pursue your officers for the relevant traffic figures. The Officer was spoken to at the exhibition and after some time he came back and said the figures were in a report to the cabinet on 17th April. I searched online but no joy. Apparently it was reported, so possibly May or June. Queensway was reported in the 28th March Cabinet papers but no traffic figures. Now the residents of Thorpe Bay's interest and specifically the impact it will have on their journeys to and from the town centre and beyond and the impact it may have on traffic volumes in their roads is needed. In particular Woodgrange Drive, the Seafront and Southchurch Boulevard/Road. So I need the traffic

volumes on those roads as existing (peak and off peak), the volumes as predicted under the new layout and the turning movements at those junctions which are being changed. It was mentioned to your Officer on Thursday night that Tony Cox, in the Standard, was reported as saying that Victoria Ave would be less congested because traffic for the Bournemouth Park Road and Hamstel Road areas would use Priory Crescent instead. So traffic figures for those roads would also be welcome to see precisely what the overall impact will be.

As you are aware, I am fully supportive of the redevelopment of Queensway, the town centre and Victoria Avenue but it cannot and should not be allowed to have a major impact on the roads further east of town. My main concerns would be putting more traffic around Priory Crescent, especially with the now proposed Fossets Way football development taking shape. I honestly believe that the inner ring road must come forward at the same time, if not before, to help with the traffic flows of all these major developments.

Let me know if you need any help on this.

6. Hopefully you have noticed the **BERA sponsored Christmas lights** in The Broadway are now up and running?

7. A request has come in from a BERA member asking

residents to kindly **refrain from feeding the seagulls** in the locality due to them being very aggressive and causing a lot of mess. If not we will all have to wear hats each time we go out!