

Full Council

Thursday, 13th February, 2020 at 1.00 pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Preston

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1. **Apologies and Announcements**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**
3. **Motion Submitted by County Councillor Kim Snape**

Lancashire County Council notes the recent proposals published by Our Health, Our Care regarding the future of Accident & Emergency services in the Chorley and South Ribble Hospital. The report indicates that any A&E provision at Chorley & South Ribble Hospital would not be viable. The Council strongly opposes any proposal to close Chorley & South Ribble Accident and Emergency department.

The Council believes such a proposal would have a detrimental impact on the quality of local health care for the local population and health care for our residents Lancashire wide and even further. This was evidenced when Chorley and South Ribble A&E closed in 2016. Lancashire County Council believes that Chorley & South Ribble Hospital needs a 24 hour Accident & Emergency department.

This Council resolves:

- (i) To oppose any closure or downgrading of A&E services across the County of Lancashire.
- (ii) To instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health asking for them to intervene and invest in strengthening and enhancing all current A&E provision across Lancashire.
- (iii) To write to the Chief Executive and Board of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust asking them to address the reasons why the A&E at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital is not deemed viable rather than simply propose to close the unit.

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Chief Executive and
Director of Resources

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