

Judgement Reserved In Horton General Hospital Judicial Review

The judge ordered the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) to take no further steps or decisions until judgement is handed down. Photo shows [Keep The Horton General](#) campaigners, their legal team, local councillors and their legal rep, our local MP, Banbury Guardian reporter, a campaigner from North Devon and the OUHFT Unison rep at the Royal Courts of Justice, London. 8 December 2017

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A judicial review challenge to Oxfordshire CCG's decision to reconfigure services at the Horton General Hospital was heard by Mr Justice Mostyn on 6 and 7 December 2017. The challenge was brought by a group of District Councils and campaign group Keep the Horton General.

The proposed reconfiguration included the removal of obstetric services, 46 bed closures and the removal of level 3 critical care.

It was argued that the consultation was unlawful for numerous reasons, including the fact it was split into two phases where many issues dealt with in Phase 2 were interlinked with Phase 1 issues. In addition, the CCG failed to consult on the new bed closure test which was announced by Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England, on 3 March 2017.

Judgement was reserved, and Mr Justice Mostyn ordered that the CCG do not take further steps in relation to the consultation or decision until judgement is handed down.