

**WELCOME
TO WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL**



**SAVE
WHIPPS CROSS**

**our District General Hospital
Fully functioning - Fully funded**

10th May 2007

To Ruth Carnall, Chief Executive NHS London,

Welcome to Whipps Cross Hospital

Our communities need Whipps Cross as our district general hospital, fully functioning and fully funded. And this has been their clearly expressed will for its future.

We are asking for your support by ensuring Whipps Cross Hospital can continue to serve the local population to the excellent standard of which it is capable, accessible in the heart of our community, and integral with the rest of local NHS services and social care.

The damaging uncertainty over the hospital's future is now to be prolonged it seems till the end of 2007 or beyond, this is not sustainable either by communities or staff.

We ask that Whipps Cross's future as our District General Hospital now be confirmed.

We ask NHS London to secure Whipps' continued ability to fulfil this role, essential to which is retaining and investing in the staff it so desperately needs, and developing buildings suited to modern health care.

Under very considerable pressure already, we believe both the hospital and patient care will be placed in jeopardy by further disinvestment - imposed as a consequence of the absolute requirement to resolve £27 million accumulated deficit, and short financial period given.

Funding for health in North East London has historically not reflected the level of need in a region that includes many deprived boroughs with among the lowest life expectancy in England. - As acknowledged in your Authority's report 'Healthcare for London, the case for change'.

We ask you and your authority to address this underlying deficit in health funding, and take those steps in your power towards lifting the £27m debt imposed on Whipps Cross through the accumulated deficit. And so allow our NHS services - hospital and community - to do their job of investing in the health of our population.