

Chorley Council notes the recent proposals published by Our Health, Our Care regarding the future of Accident & Emergency services in the Chorley, South Ribble and Preston Hospitals. The report indicates that any A&E provision at Chorley would not be viable. The Council strongly opposes any proposal for a single site Accident & Emergency based at Preston Hospital. The Council believes such a proposal would have a detrimental impact on the quality of local health care for the local population and that Chorley needs a 24 hour Accident & Emergency department. The Council believes the only potential viable proposal for a single site Accident & Emergency would be through a new super hospital located at a central point within the Chorley, South Ribble and Preston area. However, this option has not been included in the list of options produced by Our Health Our Care. Chorley Council asks that all options are included for consideration. In addition the Council urges the Hospital Trust to address the reasons why an A&E at Chorley Hospital is not deemed viable rather than simply propose to close the unit and move all A&E services to Preston.

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