

NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL MEETING – 14TH NOVEMBER 2024

Proposed by: Councillor Mike Prendergast

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Morris

Bring Back Children’s A&E Services to Southport

Since 2003, Southport has not had a dedicated Children’s A&E Service. The nearest service is based in Ormskirk which closes between the hours of midnight and 8 am.

During those hours, the nearest Children’s A&E Services are based in Liverpool, around a 45 minute journey from Southport. For a town of over 90,000 people, it is unacceptable that families have to travel so far to receive emergency care for their children.

Southport needs, and local residents and families deserve to have, a 24 hour Children’s A&E Service fully integrated with adult emergency care services in our town.

Council hereby resolves:

- To support longstanding calls for the reinstatement of 24 hour Children’s A&E Services at Southport Hospital, removed in 2003, and for those to be fully integrated with adult emergency care provision.
- To write to the Members of Parliament for Southport and Sefton Central to ask that they raise the issue on behalf of Southport and Sefton residents in Parliament and with the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care.
- To write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care calling for the reinstatement of 24 hour Children’s A&E Services at Southport Hospital, integrated with adult emergency care provision, and for adequate capital funding to be made available to provide investment in Southport Hospital.