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Fiona Copeland - 2 March

Two boys doing normal teenage things thanks to the great ongoing care they receive from the Brompton. (Photo courtesy of Ben Rector)



Anya Rowson - 17 February

The Royal Brompton saved my son's life many times and consequently mine. I am gutted at the decision today and will stand with you through any fight.

Libby McPhee - 25 February

3 years ago today, at this very time, the surgical team at RBH were performing life-saving open heart surgery on my son Alexander after a very tricky 18 months of being unwell. We have never looked back. He is now 4 and a half and the most active, beautiful boy you could hope to meet. We owe the team at RBH his life, and all the doctors, nurses and liaison folk must be credited for helping my husband and I though a difficult 18 months too.

Elizabeth Neill - 18 February

It would be a travesty for this excellent children's cardiac centre to be closed and many children with serious heart conditions will miss out as a consequence. Please support the campaign to keep Brompton children's unit open!

Lisa Lathane - 25 February

This is my daughter Robyn when she was 8 months old after having Open Heart Surgery. It was already her 4th stay at the Brompton. Dr Rigby first saved her life there when she was only 3 weeks old. Since her surgery she has done so well, but will need further surgery when she is older. I wouldn't want her to go anywhere else for it, the team there know her so well already. I feel safe in the knowledge too that when she is an adult her care will seamlessly be handed over to the adult services.



Andrew Rendell - 16 February

Crazy, crazy suggestion. It is internationally recognised as a pioneering heart hospital and should surely be one of the few places that must STAY open.

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Royal Brompton & Harefield Family Support Group



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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE ROYAL BROMPTON'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A review of children's heart services in England has recommended that Royal Brompton's heart surgery for children should stop.

If heart surgery stops at Royal Brompton, all other services for children will follow - it simply won't be viable to carry on doing them. There will be further knock-on impacts which will affect all the hospital's patients.

- Royal Brompton has a world class reputation and is renowned for the quality of its treatment and care of sick children
- Removing heart surgery will inevitably result in the closure of all children's services, including cystic fibrosis. This will seriously damage a globally recognised centre of excellence
- At Royal Brompton the same surgeons operate on adults and children with congenital heart problems. The proposed changes will therefore have unforeseen consequences for the world-leading adult congenital service
- The review recommends cutting to only two centres in London, which will mean an unprecedented increase in case load for the remaining centres - and an unnecessary gamble with children's lives

There is a simple solution

At present both Royal Brompton and Great Ormond Street are the only two national centres to have four surgeons and perform the recommended number of surgical cases to meet the national standards (as set out in the review of children's congenital heart service: Safe & Sustainable). The proposed changes at a national level will see an increase in the number of cases treated in London. This would mean that all three London centres,

including the Evelina, could perform around 500 cases, the optimum recommended in the Safe & Sustainable review.

Keeping these three world-class centres open would save lives, safeguard medical expertise and save money.

The Brompton Fountain, a charity that supports families and children, is launching a campaign to save Royal Brompton Hospital's children's cardiac services.

For more details about the review and the proposed changes, go to: www.thebromptonfountain.org.uk

WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO...

Write to your MP

We urgently need our MPs to understand the impact of these plans. Most of them have no idea that a world famous hospital is under threat. We have drafted a letter which you can adapt for your own particular MP. This is on our website: www.thebromptonfountain.org.uk

Sign our petition

We will present our petition, which calls for plans to close children's services at Royal Brompton to be abandoned, to the Prime Minister. To access the petition go to: www.thebromptonfountain.org.uk



Support us on Facebook

We have launched an area on Facebook where you can register your support. Details of events to support our campaign will be posted on these Facebook pages. Please add your support and comments at:

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Spread the word

On Twitter, Facebook and email - tell your friends, colleagues and social network and encourage them to join our campaign.

Tell us your story

We are working with newspapers and magazines to spread the word about this very real threat to Royal Brompton. We need your story to bring to life the excellent work of the hospital. If you would like to hear more about getting involved with our media work please contact us.

Make your voice heard

On Saturday 7 May 2011 there are two events for the public - everyone is invited. Both events are at: **Emirates Stadium, London N5 1BU from 11am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm.**

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