



In a clear statement of intent, the Prime Minister said that all Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)\* **must** reflect the needs of the local population.

“ It is absolutely the point of these plans that they are locally driven. They will be considered locally and **should be taking into account the concerns and interests locally**, not just those of clinical commissioning groups, but those of local authorities and **of the public**. These plans must be driven from the locality. ”

*Prime Minister's Questions, September 7, 2016*

Prime Minister  
**Theresa May**  
September 7, 2016

Save the DGH is delighted to hear these words of comfort for our campaign. This clear statement should also please the 70,000+ residents who signed petitions demanding that core hospital services be provided locally in Eastbourne.

\*NHS England has commissioned 44 geographic areas to produce Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) for their local area.



*Theresa May MP signing the Save the DGH petition. Born in Eastbourne, her parents would have had access to full consultant facilities, including emergency caesarean sections and medical intervention.*



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