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SAVE PHOENIX HOUSE KEEP JOBS IN BARROW



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SAVE OUR SERVICES. RETAIN SPECIALIST ASBESTOS KNOWLEDGE

The Department for Work and Pensions are proposing to close Phoenix House in Barrow-in-Furness by March 2018 in order to save money.

The office processes claims for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit, Constant Attendance Allowance, Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance and the Pneumoconiosis (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979 and 2008 Mesothelioma Scheme.

We oppose the closure of the office and believe the knowledge and experience DWP has invested in should be retained.

- Over 1000 combined years of experience helping victims of

asbestos related lung diseases and industrial disease will be lost.

- Excellent working relationships with Asbestos Support Groups, Unions and Charities will end.
- Sufferers of terminal illnesses and their families will have to wait longer to receive payment and peace of mind at the most difficult of times.
- 70+ jobs are at risk leaving staff in fear of compulsory redundancy with little chance of redeployment in the local area.

If we wish to maintain the standard of service offered to sufferers of asbestos related cancers and other industrial related conditions then staff must be retained in Barrow.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Come along to the demonstration on **Saturday 11 March 2017 – 12 noon** – meet at Spirit of Barrow statue (top of Portland Walk).

Write to your MP to oppose the closure of this office.

Sign our petition: **bit.ly/SavePhoenixHouse**

For more information contact: **northern@pcs.org.uk**



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