

We are concerned about the limited service 17 in the evenings. Whilst being improved with double decker buses between Keynsham and Southmead Hospital, the biggest issue to passengers is the loss of some journeys on service 37 in evening after 6.30pm from Bath via Weston, Bitton and Hanham. This causes considerable hardship to staff, patients and visitors to the RUH in the evening and on Sundays. This is a South Gloucestershire Council supported service and the withdrawal has had no public consultation with passengers and the result is a petition being presented to West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee on the 18th January 2016 and on the 11th January 2016 to BANES Transport Committee (Place) and this statement is also for Bristol City Council. Since this petition was submitted the service has now been retained until 24th April but we want to draw Full Council's attention to the fact that we need to maintain a revenue budget for secondary bus routes around Bath and North East Somerset to maintain links to Bristol-South Gloucestershire (Kingswood)-Radstock-Frome corridor services 414 and 424 and protect service 636 Keynsham-Whitchurch via Stockwood service following the withdrawal of service 637.

In Gloucestershire there are concerns over the Bath - Yate - Tetbury service 27 (620).

We urge BANES council to protect revenue budgets for rural, evening and weekend services in support of the Buses Bill.

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