



# **SHEFFIELD SAVE OUR NHS**

The Government promised to protect the NHS from funding cuts

But the announcement of waves of cuts across England and the new Health and Social Care Bill show this is far from the truth!

These reforms will affect all our services.

## **Cuts already announced in Sheffield include:**

### **NHS Sheffield:**

- £37m gross savings next year plus £18.7m topsliced for reorganisation costs following the Health and Social Care Bill.
- No funding of operations like hip replacements and cataract removal from January to March 2011
- Proposed closure of two specialist dementia care homes currently housing 100 vulnerable adults.
- Grants to Voluntary Sector Organisations supporting health care have been reduced.

### **Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Trust:**

- Up to £120m efficiency savings over the next four years. At the moment job loss is to be through 'natural wastage'.

## **ACT NOW!**

## **SAVE THE NHS!**

## **DEFEAT THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BILL!**

### **Get involved:**

[www.sheffieldsaveournhs.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldsaveournhs.co.uk)

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## WE DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THESE CUTS

- The current programme of cuts risks sending us back into recession as people lose jobs and spending levels go down. That in turn increases the burden of debt in public spending and will lead to more cuts.
  - There are alternative ways to raise money including wealth taxes, reducing tax avoidance and tax evasion, and the Robin Hood tax on international currency transactions. When the NHS was founded in 1948 the national debt was almost 240% of GDP (it is currently around 50%).
  - It's a question of priorities. George Osborne and his colleagues aren't just interested in reducing the national debt and stabilising our economy. No, the government are using the recession as an excuse for an ideological attack on publicly funded healthcare.
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## WE DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THE HEALTH REFORMS

Nobody wants the new Bill except the people who will profit from it.

The damage and inefficiency it will cause, far outweigh any claimed financial benefit.

Changes which the NHS does need to make will be not be achieved like this.

### WE STAND FOR:

- ◇ A publicly owned health service that puts people before profit!
- ◇ An open, accountable and democratically run health service!
- ◇ Quality, accessible health care free at the point of delivery for all!

### THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- ◇ Start talking to people in your workplace and immediate surroundings about how the cuts will affect them and what alternatives there are.
- ◇ Tell us what's happening to services in your area; contribute to our 'cuts watch' website and regular bulletin and article series.
- ◇ Get involved with anti-cuts action in your local area.
- ◇ Come along to 'Save Our NHS Sheffield' meetings, demonstrations and stalls.
- ◇ Write to your MP.
- ◇ For upcoming activities, meetings & events as well as more in depth information, articles & current news about cuts in our area check the website at:

[www.sheffieldsaveournhs.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldsaveournhs.co.uk)

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