

Save Our NHS

The Health and Social Care Bill currently going through parliament will destroy our NHS

“I can still find no one at senior levels of government who is truly and wholly convinced that it is a sensible idea to add a massive upheaval of the National Health Service to their groaning table of challenges.”

Andrew Rawnsley - Observer 13/2/2011

Liberal Democrat MPs are more closely aligned with Labour than with Conservatives on health policy.

Poll of MPs for Westminster Advisers - Feb 2011

*** Our message to Liberal Democrats ***

Act Now

Save the NHS

Defeat the Health and Social Care Bill



Why are you risking the future of our health service for the whims of Andrew Lansley?



Why are you surrendering our health to the financial priorities of private health companies?

In Parliament the future of our NHS lies in
YOUR hands.

DON'T LET US DOWN. OPPOSE THIS BILL

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The Coalition and the NHS Myths and Facts

Coalition Myth "The NHS is not being cut."

FACT Sheffield PCT plans £37m gross savings next year plus £18.7m for reorganisation costs. Contracts with providers, including hospitals and the voluntary sector, will be reduced. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is proposing savings of £120m. Some services are standing idle now; others (e.g. 2 dementia homes) are planned for closure. New national financial allocation systems for PCTs and local authorities actually reduce funds to areas with lower income and poorer health. As local authority and other cuts bite, the demand on the NHS can only increase.

Coalition Myth "We're doing what we said we would."

FACT The key Conservative electoral promise was "No top down reorganisation". What else is this Bill? Lib Dems promised more local accountability through Health Boards. GP consortia will be neither locally accountable nor transparent.

Coalition Myth "We're giving patients more choice."

FACT Patients did not choose this reform. Patient and public input to commissioning will be reduced. GPs are saying that there will actually be less choice than at present because they will be bound by consortia contracts.

Coalition Myth "We are not privatising the NHS."

FACT Private organisations will have more and more influence on commissioning and purchasing. Private providers will undercut NHS and 3rd sector providers, leading to competition on price rather than quality and the disappearance of NHS funds into shareholder pockets. Removal of the cap on private income for hospitals will reduce availability to NHS patients.

Coalition Myth "GPs want these changes to the NHS."

FACT The government offered financial and other incentives to GPs to sign up as pathfinders. This does not mean they support the Bill and more and more are voicing opposition. GPs know that they are likely to be in direct conflict with patients over commissioning issues, undermining the whole doctor-patient relationship

STOP THIS BILL BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

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