

Since the 2015 Election the NHS has been in growing crisis.
Social Care services are in an even worse state.

This time vote to ensure the NHS is safe!

- The £10 billion spending increase for the NHS promised by the Conservatives in 2015 turned into around £4.5 billion. For the next two years current plans allow for no regular funding growth. Waiting times are growing but the government has plans (STPs) to cut services and hospitals across England.
- Conservative policies have led to doctors and nurses quitting the NHS in droves, meaning that those who are left are working under more and more pressure. They can't go on much longer.
- The Conservatives will continue to underfund the NHS and increase opportunities for their friends to profit from healthcare. Expect the introduction of more charges and further break-up of the NHS.

Opposition parties need to be asked these questions:

- **Are they opposed to privatising more NHS services?** Will they abolish the internal market? What will they do about existing privatisations and the Private Finance Initiative schemes which are bankrupting hospitals
- **What will they do about cuts to NHS services**, including GP surgeries, hospitals and training bursaries for student nurses and allied health workers?
- **Will they restore the 4% real terms average annual increase in the NHS budget which operated till 2011?** What do they think about tax increases specifically to support the NHS and social care?
- **Will they repeal the key parts of the Health and Social Care Act 2012**, which attempted to enforce a competitive market for healthcare? What is their attitude to the STPs? Do they support the NHS reinstatement Bill?
- **Will they ensure the NHS is protected from private takeover** under any new international trade agreements and that NHS staff from the EU are safe?

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Thursday 4th May 7pm

What does the future hold for the NHS?

Come to our special event with the Festival of Debate

Quaker Meeting House S1 2EW

Details and booking at

<https://events.ticketsforgood.co.uk/events/241-festival-of-debate-why-do-we-need-hospitals>

Events where you can show your solidarity with the NHS and find out more about what is happening locally

29th April Barnsley Mayday demonstration, rally and gigs 11 am Eastgate Barnsley Barnsley SONHS will be there

1 May Chesterfield 40th People's Gala and Demonstration 10.30 – 3.30 Save the NHS will have a stall

2 May 7pm Sheffield People's Assembly AGM. United Reform Church. Speaker from the Hands Off Huddersfield Royal Infirmary campaign followed by discussion on the NHS

Check our website for more events including regular Saturday stalls in the build-up to the election on June 8th.

July 1st - 5th NHS 69th birthday week. Time for celebration and protest! Watch out for more news of what will be happening.

Sheffield Save Our NHS was formed in January 2011 as a grass roots and across party alliance to campaign actively against NHS cuts and the Coalition's Health and Social Care Bill.

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

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