



WARNING:

THE GOVERNMENT CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH SERVICE

Sheffield Save our NHS welcomes your support:

➤ **MARCH** against the **Health and Social Care Bill**

SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Meet at the Green outside the Hallamshire Hospital 11am

➤ **JOIN** our **VIGIL** against the **Bill**

TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

5pm outside Sheffield Town Hall

Why are we doing this?

The governments proposed NHS reforms will privatise the NHS thereby:

- removing the states responsibility for health provision
- allowing private companies to profit from our health
- leading to lower quality, fragmented services with a postcode lottery

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL VOTE ON THE BILL ON 6TH SEPTEMBER

More information: www.sheffieldsaveournhs.co.uk <http://ssonhs.blogspot.com>

SHEFFIELD SAVE OUR NHS

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!

Why we are opposing the Health and Social Care Bill

In the UK we are privileged to have a tax funded health system that is universal, comprehensive, publicly accountable, and free at the point of delivery.

The Health and Social Care Bill will undermine this. It will remove the state's responsibility for health provision and introduce market forces which WILL result in privatisation. Evidence consistently shows that market-based systems DO NOT work in health – instead they lower quality of services. Yet the government is lining up private companies to profit from our health.

Cherry-picking of profitable services will occur, destabilising essential NHS services. This will sideline vulnerable and non-profitable patients such as the elderly and mentally ill people. Competition will fragment services and create a postcode lottery.

Services will be commissioned (bought) through Clinical Commissioning Groups based on GP consortia. Skilled GPs are being pushed into managerial roles which they have little training or experience for. This leaves less time for patients and undermines the doctor-patient relationship as financial pressures must be balanced against patient need.

We can make a difference! Here in Sheffield, local people fought back and won against plans to close dementia care homes. We need to build these local victories into a movement that can beat the threats to our health services on a national scale.

The Bill is being read in parliament on the 6th and 7th September! If approved it will pass to the House of Lords for further debate. These are our two key opportunities to act.

WE MUST MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Join our march on Saturday 3rd September, 11am Hallamshire Hospital
- Come to our Vigil on Tuesday 6th September, 5pm Town Hall
- Lobby your MP – www.38degrees.org.uk/pages/save_our_nhs_action_centre
- Lobby the Lords and write to your peer - <http://www.goingtowork.org.uk/peers/>
- Join Keep Our NHS Public www.keepournhspublic.com
- Tell us what's happening locally / contribute to our "cuts watch" website
- Write to your GP (template letter on our website)
- Visit our websites – www.sheffieldsaveournhs.co.uk <http://ssonhs.blogspot.com>

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