

NHS staff, including nurses, midwives and radiographers are striking again on Nov 24th against the government's unfair rejection of the independent NHS pay review.

Our Message to Jeremy Hunt

PAY NHS STAFF

THE CONSOLIDATED 1% DUE TO THEM

Even 80% of Conservative voters think you should

Ensure low paid workers get the Living Wage (£7.65 ph)

Commit to restoring the value of NHS pay

You can't have a caring service without staff who are cared for; but under this government the majority of NHS Trust finance directors now identify staff morale as one of their most pressing problems. We need an NHS which does not have to rely on agency nurses or foreign recruitment, an NHS which is not undermined by constant drips of criticism, an NHS which is strong and brave enough to confront its own weaknesses and meet the demands of change.

Instead this government cuts the NHS by stealth, chips away at its public reputation, puts it under intolerable financial stress and, opens the door to private providers, who either cherrypick profitable services or fail to meet contracts and walk away. Meanwhile it provokes its own staff into industrial action, many for the first time.



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!

As we come up to next May's General Election this government's incompetence has put the NHS at the top of people's concerns. This is the first government since the foundation of the NHS not to have met an average 4% annual funding increase to meet the special demands of healthcare inflation. We are a grassroots organisation with no party political affiliation and we think that all the parties need to be challenged over their policies for the NHS and social care.

Reasons not to trust Cameron with the NHS

- 1) If Cameron really understood the NHS he wouldn't have let Lansley loose on it.
- 2) Cameron and Osborne have starved the NHS of resources and then used the squeeze to suggest that it can't do its job. They are currently trying to shore it up before the election with windfall payments.
- 3) The Tories still have not abandoned their hope of opening up the healthcare market, both nationally, and through TTIP, internationally. Tory MPs and peers have more significant financial interests in private healthcare than those of other parties
- 4) Huge cuts in other areas like disability benefits and local government put even more pressure on the NHS.

Challenges for all parties claiming to present a credible alternative

- Make a clear commitment to providing the minimum 4% annual real terms increase needed to keep the NHS viable.
- Recognise that cuts which affect benefits, social care and access to important services put more burden on the NHS
- Commit to the removal of competition regulations and the market-oriented structure of the NHS, and to the renegotiation of injurious PFI contracts.
- Ensure that all levels of national and local decision making are democratically accountable and transparent.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Join the campaign to defend the NHS** by opposing plans to break up NHS services and to introduce private sector competitors including international predators via TTIP
- **Watch out for rationing cuts, private sector NHS adverts, top up charges;** email us: team@sheffieldsaveournhs.co.uk. Tell your MP. Visit our websites (below) for information
- **Come to a meeting on health inequalities (speaker Richard Wilkinson, co-author of The Spirit Level) 10th December 7pm** Central United Reformed Church near Crucible organised by Sheffield Green Party