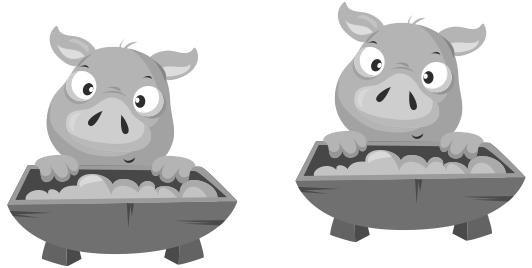




WARNING:

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH SERVICE

By passing the Health and Social Care Bill the government is handing the NHS over to profit making corporations.



WE DID NOT VOTE FOR THIS

Before the election the Conservatives repeatedly promised “no more top down reorganisations” of the NHS.

Health Experts do not support it: The Bill is opposed by the health unions, the majority of GPs, and virtually every organisation of health professionals, including the Royal College of GPs and the BMA.

But private corporations are putting money behind it

John Nash, the chairman of Care UK, one of the main private health companies in Britain, donated £21,000 to Andrew Lansley, now the Secretary of State for Health, in November 2009.

Capita, the outsourcing company, who have handled £3.3 billion of government contracts since the government came into office, have donated £1.5 million to the Tory Party in the last decade.

Defend the NHS! Stop Privatisation!

Kick Out the Health and Social Care Bill!

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!

The government said they changed the legislation after public outcry but the main problems remain. Now the Bill goes to the House of Lords

5 Reasons why we still oppose the Bill

1. Health Care Services will be privatised. The Bill will turn the NHS into a free market, by opening up provision to “any willing provider”. Competition laws will then force GPs to put any service out to tender.
2. Private companies will cherry pick profitable slices of NHS services. This will destabilise NHS provision and leave less profitable services like elderly care and mental health starved of funds.
3. GP consortia, with their budgets squeezed to create £20 billion of savings will have to restrict access to hospital care, breaking down the relationship between patients and GPs.
4. All limits on the money Foundation Trusts hospitals can earn from private medicine are to be scrapped. Hospitals will then prioritise attracting wealthy private patients who will be able to queue jump.
5. The Bill removes the government’s duty to provide comprehensive healthcare. Patients will be even less informed as existing public bodies are replaced by local GP consortia that function in secret sessions, and a remote national NHS Commissioning Board.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Join our city centre protest **Saturday 29th October**, noon outside the Town Hall
- **Lobby the Lords**; adopt a peer and write to them-
<http://www.goingtowork.org.uk/peers/> (letter templates on the website)
- **Lobby your MP** – www.38degrees.org.uk/pages/save_our_nhs_action_centre
- **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 and contribute
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