

Sheffield

**SAVE
OUR** **NHS**

**The Government is cutting NHS funds,
and their Health & Social Care Act
means a break up of NHS services.**

From the 1st April the new NHS structures take over responsibility for the £60bn NHS funding. The local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will decide how the budget is spent. Sheffield Save Our NHS is campaigning to defend the NHS against the cuts and privatisation that are central to these reforms.

Join the Fight to Save the NHS

FUNDING CUTS

The government is demanding £20bn cuts in the NHS. Locally this means:
£120million cuts from the local hospitals over 4 years;
An additional £37 million cuts from the local NHS this year.
So far this has led to closure of elderly care wards, cuts to voluntary sector organisations, dementia services and mental health care

PRIVATISATION

The reforms force competition, through tendering and 'Any Qualified Provider' leading to privatisation. Already Virgin have taken over £1bn of services. The limit for private patients in hospitals has been scrapped which may lead to those who can pay queue jumping. Privatisation leads to a less efficient service with money going to profits and administering the market.

ATTACKS ON NHS WORKERS

Cutbacks in staffing levels and pay, whether made to save money or to increase profits in the private sector, plus uncertainty about pensions and job security, are leading to under staffing, low morale and the risk of poorer quality care.
Let us know your experiences as a healthcare worker.

THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO CUTS

The publically run and owned NHS was created post war at a time of austerity. The political decision was made to put people first.
A publicly owned and run NHS with co-operation between services and more input from workers and patients can continue to provide the best care in the world.

Defend the NHS! Stop Privatisation!

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STOP THREATS TO THE HALLAMSHIRE MINOR INJURIES UNIT

As part of a review of emergency and unplanned services in Sheffield the Minor Injuries Unit at the Hallamshire is threatened with closure. This unit provides access to emergency treatment for minor injuries for residents on the South West side of the city.

It is likely the services would be moved to the A&E department at the Northern General Hospital, forcing people to travel long distances. More pressure would be put on the A&E department, where waiting times are already increasing under the weight of increased demand.

The loss of emergency services at the Hallamshire could also have a knock on effect to other services available on the site.

Sign the SSONHS Petition

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SAVE THE NHS?

Keep up the Pressure: A lot of people still do not realise that the NHS is threatened. Talk to your friends, write to the press, take part in radio phone-ins, use Twitter.

Join in with SSONHS activity and circulate our petitions

Tell us what's happening in your local area

Write to your GP (template letter on our website)

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!

We have monthly planning meetings and regular campaign activity in Sheffield. Contact us at:

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