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£BILLIONS OF CONTRACTS GIVEN TO
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Virgin 'Care' net £2m of NHS money

When Virgin Care failed to win back an £82m contract for NHS community services in Surrey, they sued six NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups. Fighting legal cases is very costly so the CCGs agreed to settle. Virgin get an estimated £2 million pay-off – NHS funds that Surrey's most dependent and vulnerable patients will not see again. All this in Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt's own back yard of SW Surrey.

Health & Social Care Act has authorised contract bullying

In a callous response to losing the community children's health services 3-year contract, which it held 2012-17, Virgin sends a playground bully's message across the NHS: 'Don't mess with us – if you take contracts back we'll make you pay'. Virgin's priority is clear: they put their finances before patients and NHS frontline care.

Nothing exposes more clearly the motives of private companies encircling the NHS. There is no place for the 'market' in health care; £5-10bn is wasted annually in competitive tendering, contracting, defensive challenges and legal costs. We need to stop companies making money from ill-health. We need to re-nationalise the National Health Service.

Virgin Care and private companies: parasites in the NHS

Richard Branson set up Virgin Care in 2010. This private company competes actively for NHS community health contracts and, since 2016, is moving in on adult social care. It has won over £2bn of NHS 'business' – including several large NHS community services for children and learning disability. Virgin Care's accounts show it does not make any profits in the UK, so no UK tax is due. But Virgin Group has a complex tax structure and headquarters in the British Virgin Islands, a notorious tax haven for entities registered there. Branson's empire lives off the Virgin name for numerous businesses in which he may often only have a minor residual stake.

Keep Our NHS Public says:

Nearly £10 billion of NHS clinical contracts are now being run by private companies, over 50% more since 2010. The damaging Health and Social Care Act 2012 legislated to make the tendering of swathes of NHS services virtually compulsory. Companies like Virgin are making long-term plans within the NHS to profit from ill-health.

We are deeply concerned by this legal outrage between Virgin and the NHS in Surrey. How can a private company extort money in this way from the NHS? And how can so much taxpayers' public money be handed over to Virgin - in its British Virgin Islands tax haven base?

Virgin get out of the NHS!

End privatisation!

NHS back in safe public hands now!

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