



## **NHS is 69: We need to fight to keep it alive**

- The NHS was at the top of voters' minds in last general election.
- More people are getting alarmed at the running down of the NHS: this is deliberate by the government.
- Already cuts are taking place imposed by NHS England through Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) which aim to reduce annual spending nationally by **£22 billion**.

### **Nursing crisis**

- 30,000 nursing vacancies.
- 14% loss in pay.
- Student bursaries ended.
- EU nurse applicants dropping 96% since government refusal to guarantee rights of EU citizens working in the NHS.

### **Forcing NHS property sell-off**

- Theresa May says she will fund the NHS by implementing in full the Naylor Review, sneaked out without publicity in March.
- This threatens a sell-off of up to 5 million square metres of NHS estate.
- Trusts desperately needing to repair NHS buildings, theatres or scanners

and other equipment will be unable to do so unless they agree.

- The government plans to raise over £5 billion in this way.
- Enforced quick sales of property guarantees under-value prices.
- Once sold, property cannot be used for residential rehabilitation, mental health provision, staff accommodation, or better car parking.

## **Capped Expenditure Process asks NHS leaders to 'think the unthinkable'**

NHS England seeks to impose on 14 areas of England a new national savings drive that will 'challenge the values' of our NHS. These are part of 14 STP plans and are pilot areas to impose the £22bn cuts. NHS leaders from areas covered by the CEP have been told to examine difficult decisions and 'think the unthinkable, including ... changes normally avoided as too unpleasant, unpopular or controversial'.

## **Keep Our NHS Public refuses to accept the 'unthinkable'. We say NO to:**

- Closing more wards, closing operating theatres and reducing staff
- Deliberately lengthening waiting lists for planned treatments
- Declaring many treatments including IVF infertility closed to NHS patients
- Considering closures or downgrades to many more services, including departments like A&E and maternity
- Selling estate and other property to offset debts
- Stopping prescriptions for some items
- Increasing private work done on NHS premises

## **Join us to fight for:**

- A fully funded, publicly owned, NHS & social care service
- No cuts, no closures, no privatisation
- An end to pay restraint for NHS staff
- Support the NHS Reinstatement Bill

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