

Diary Note: Health and Care Bill Petition hand in with John McDonnell MP and others (TBC)

Date: Monday 22nd November 2021

Time: 10am

Location: In front of Downing Street gates, Whitehall

Health campaigners from organisations *Keep Our NHS Public*, *Just Treatment*, *We Own It* and *Your NHS Needs You* will hand deliver several petitions to the Department of Health (in large boxes) in opposition to the Health and Care Bill which has its third reading in parliament on Tuesday. The petitions are being handed in to coincide with the first day of the report stage debate on the bill in the House of Commons. The petitions collectively number over 250,000 signatures and campaigners hope to raise awareness of the damaging implications this bill poses to the NHS. Campaigners, NHS staff and MPs will assemble at Downing Street before moving to Parliament Square Gardens and finally to the Department for Health, where the petitions will then be delivered.

A full press release will follow on the day.

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