Branch Model Motion - Vision for a People's NHS

This branch notes the following:

- 1. The immediacy of a general election
- 2. The ongoing crisis in the NHS through underfunding, privatisation, cuts and closures
- 3. The need for an urgent debate during the election about the future of the NHS
- 4. The launch by Keep our NHS Public (KONP) and Health Campaigns Together (HCT) of the 'Vision for a People's NHS'
- 5. The main principal demands of the Vision are as follows:
- NHS funding: Commit to properly fund the NHS and care services without which we cannot have a healthy society and healthy economy
- **Privatisation**: Commit to end profiteering, eating away at our NHS, and reinvest subsidies going to the private sector into rebuilding our NHS as a public service
- **Health and care workers:** Commit to provide safe staffing levels, to pay staff what they deserve and give them the respect due to all essential workers
- **Public health:** Commit to tackling health inequalities by reinvesting in public services and public health; and to pandemic preparedness, ensuring safety for all
- **Go further:** Commit to extending universal health care provision in mental health, dentistry, optometry and crucially the social care sector because the public model works
 - → Full details can be found here: https://keepournhspublic.com/our-vision-for-a-peoples-nhs/

This branch understands the need for an urgent change in direction for our NHS and recognises that the British people hold the NHS institution close to their hearts. As such this is an issue which impacts on us all and we therefore recognise it will be the responsibility of this branch to engage in and promote the whole issue of the NHS during the general election. We therefore resolve the following:

- 1. To support and engage with the 'Vision for the People's NHS'
- 2. To promote the Vision and its campaign activities to our entire membership, as well as the wider public
- 3. To appoint/elect an officer to liaise with the campaign and report back to the branch on a regular basis
- 4. To invite a member of KONP/HCT to our next meeting to explain the purpose and detail of their campaign
- 5. To support all national, regional and local activities of the KONP/HCT campaign
- 6. To make a donation to the campaign and to affiliate this branch to KONP/HCT