

To: [union branch]

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Trade Union Branch Model Motion – Restore the 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 on the future of the NHS during the election and beyond
4. The launch by Keep our NHS Public (KONP) and Health Campaigns Together (HCT) of ‘Restore the People’s NHS’ and the campaigning pamphlet, vision statement and factsheets
5. The main principal demands of the Vision for a People’s NHS: ¹

- **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 use of the private sector to provide NHS services, 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

This branch joins the call for urgent change in direction for our NHS; recognises the escalating attacks on the NHS model and the failure of government to fund publicly provided NHS services; values the enduring support for the NHS of the British people; recognises the demoralisation of staff, underpaid and under threat of privatisation; agrees that this is an issue impacting on all trade unionists and the public; and resolves to support the efforts to campaign during the general election and beyond.

We therefore resolve the following:

1. To support and engage with the ‘Restore the People’s NHS’
2. To promote the Vision and its campaign activities to our membership and the 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 HCT²

¹ Full details here: <https://keepournhspublic.com/our-vision-for-a-peoples-nhs/>

² <https://www.healthcampaignstogether.com/joinus.php>