

**Press release on behalf of Keep Our NHS Public - FOR IMMEDIATE USE**

## **Keep Our NHS Public to lead NHS bloc in major anti-far right demo this Saturday (28th March)**

Health campaigning organisation Keep Our NHS Public (KONP) [1] will lead a dedicated NHS Bloc (entitled Migrants Make Our NHS) at a major national demonstration on Saturday 28th March in central London, as part of a coordinated response to the rise of far right politics in the UK.

Called and organised by Together Alliance [2], the demonstration is likely to bring together tens of thousands in opposition to the far right. The NHS Bloc will be positioned immediately behind the Stand Up to Racism bloc and will be comprised of NHS staff in uniform as well as campaigners and patients.

The demonstration is backed by a significant range of both mainstream organisations and unions as well as celebrities and public figures, and participants will be representative of all major parts of UK life and society.

### **Tom Griffiths, Head of Campaigns at Keep Our NHS Public, says:**

*"At Keep Our NHS Public, we stand by the NHS's founding principles: high-quality, free healthcare for all, rooted in compassion and respect for patients and staff alike. We oppose migrant charges because they undermine these values and make communities less safe. We also reject the government's new immigration policies which are a cynical attempt to mimic the divisive politics of Reform. They risk placing unnecessary strain on the NHS while insulting the many non-UK nationals who sustain it. These workers are essential to its survival, and policies that target them threaten the very system that remains worth defending and rebuilding for future generations."*

### **The NHS bloc is formally backed by:**

Keep Our NHS Public  
NHS Workers Say No [3]  
Just Treatment [4]  
Socialist Health Association [5]  
Health Workers Against the Far Right  
Staff available to speak to press/media:

Jordan Rivera is an NHS Occupational Therapist and will be in uniform  
Andrew Meyerson is an NHS A&E Resident Doctor and will be in uniform  
Holly Turner is an NHS Mental Health Nurse (not in uniform)  
Dr Tony O'Sullivan, Co-Chair of Keep Our NHS Public and retired NHS Consultant Paediatrician

Logistics: The NHS Bloc will assemble at 12pm under the Migrants Make Our NHS banner. The closest address: London Hilton Hotel (Bus Stop A), London W1J 7FW. What3words: 'comical.factor.pillow'

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For media enquiries related to the NHS bloc or to arrange interviews ahead of the day, including NHS staff participating in the march, contact: Samantha Wathen - Press and Media Officer for Keep Our NHS Public [press@keepournhspublic.com](mailto:press@keepournhspublic.com) or call/WhatsApp: 0777 6047472

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## **Notes to Editors**

1. Keep Our NHS Public is an independent organisation established in 2005 to campaign for a fully publicly owned and provided NHS. [www.keepournhspublic.com](http://www.keepournhspublic.com)
2. Together Alliance <https://www.togetheralliance.org.uk/>
3. NHS Workers Say No is a grassroots organisation of health workers campaigning against NHS privatisation, underfunding, and unsafe working conditions <https://www.facebook.com/NHSworkersSayNo/>
4. Just Treatment is a patient-led campaign fighting for fair and equitable treatment for patients <https://justtreatment.org>
5. The Socialist Health Association (SHA) is a membership organization affiliated with the Labour Party that promotes socialist principles to improve health and well-being, and advocates for a publicly funded health and care service <https://sochealth.co.uk/>