

Press release on behalf of Keep Our NHS Public - for IMMEDIATE release

## National Conference Calls for Action to Protect Primary Care Services

Campaigners, health professionals and patients from across the UK will gather in London tomorrow (Saturday 29th of November 2025) for a national conference called by campaigning organisation Keep Our NHS Public [1] dedicated to defending and strengthening primary care. The event will take place at the UNITE office, 33–37 Moreland Street, London EC1V 8BB, from 10:30am to 4:00pm [2]. With GP services facing unprecedented pressure, the conference offers a rare space for communities, clinicians and campaign organisations to come together, share strategies and build momentum for change.

Across the country, grassroots action has already delivered tangible results - from halting privatisation plans to stopping “same day access hubs” and keeping essential local services open. Organisers say now is the moment to build on these victories. This national gathering is organised by NHS campaigners committed to defending high-quality, publicly delivered primary care. It is open to patients, staff, community groups and anyone concerned about the future of the NHS.

The day will hear from the the Deputy Chair of the BMA GP Committee, Dr David Wrigley as well as Dr Helen Salisbury, Oxford GP, BMJ columnist, writer and campaigner. It will explore how to campaign for better primary care that works for both patients and staff as well as challenge underfunding and workforce shortages. Campaigners and staff will aim to work together to resist privatisation and analyse proposals within the new 10 Year Plan. There will also be workshops on how to strengthen continuity of care and on neighbourhood teams.

### Speakers include:

Dr David Wrigley, Lancashire GP & Deputy Chair, BMA GP Committee

Dr Helen Salisbury, Oxford GP, BMJ columnist, writer and campaigner

Müge Dindjer and Raj, from Just Treatment [3] (a patient-led campaign fighting for a fairer NHS)

### Just Treatment Patient Leader, Müge Dindjer, said:

*“Primary care services play a vital role for NHS patients - they are the first point of access to healthcare when we are sick. Yet for years they have been neglected and actively decimated by underfunding, meaning millions of us now can't get help when we need it. We cannot tackle the wider NHS crisis without fixing primary care, which is why it's so important that patients and health workers unite to campaign for the investment that is urgently needed in this area. So we look forward to developing shared strategies with fellow NHS campaigners about how our movement can win change.”*

**Dr Pamela Martin, retired GP and member of Keep Our NHS Public, said:**

*"General Practice at its best provides excellent cost effective care but we are in danger of losing that. This threat comes from intentions within the 10 year plan including imposed reorganisation and privatisation as well as long term under resourcing in relation to need. This Conference brings doctors and patients organisations together to give politicians a message they can't ignore. We are bringing together a well informed coalition that can powerfully campaign to defend good General Practice. The Government's policies need to change."*

**Dr David Wrigley, Lancashire GP and Deputy Chair of the BMA GP Committee, said:**

*"NHS general practice is on a knife edge. Decades of underfunding and a government now attacking the doctors trade union puts us in a critical situation. It's entirely possible you will see your local GP becoming more like the dentistry model with good access and care only for those with enough cash to pay for it. We have to campaign to stop this happening."*

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#### **Notes to editors**

1. Keep Our NHS Public is a national independent campaigning organisation established in 2005 to oppose cuts and closures of the NHS and campaign for a well-funded and fully publicly funded and delivered NHS [www.keepournhspublic.com](http://www.keepournhspublic.com)
2. Registration is open now via Eventbrite:  
[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gp-services-under-attack-how-do-we-fight-back-tickets-1794802836599?aff=oddtcreator&gl=1%2A7sesyn%2A\\_up%2AMQ..%2A\\_ga%2AMTM3MTYwNjMzM\\_C4xNzYwMDA4OTYz%2A\\_ga\\_TQVES5V6SH%2AczE3NjAwMDg5NjlkbzEkZzAkDE3NjAwMDg5NjlkajYwJGwwJGgw](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gp-services-under-attack-how-do-we-fight-back-tickets-1794802836599?aff=oddtcreator&gl=1%2A7sesyn%2A_up%2AMQ..%2A_ga%2AMTM3MTYwNjMzM_C4xNzYwMDA4OTYz%2A_ga_TQVES5V6SH%2AczE3NjAwMDg5NjlkbzEkZzAkDE3NjAwMDg5NjlkajYwJGwwJGgw)
3. Just Treatment is a patient-led campaign that advocates for equitable access to healthcare and medicines in the UK, and challenges the influence of private corporations on the National Health Service <https://justtreatment.org/>