

# NHS IN DANGER

## 10 ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR MP

**We all want the NHS to be safe. But the government's Health and Social Care Bill is the biggest shake up of the NHS in its 63-year history. Job losses, service cuts and longer waiting times are already happening.**

**The NHS is in danger. Now more than ever the NHS needs you to put pressure on your local MP. Please urge your MP to do all in her or his power to persuade the government to think again. They need to give you some answers, so why not ask them:**

1. How can we believe a government that promises no 'top down' reorganisations then rushes through the biggest change in NHS history?
2. These changes are untested. Where is the evidence that they will mean better care for patients?
3. Why is the government scrapping the NHS satisfaction survey when satisfaction from patients is at an all time high? Is it because they fear people will not trust the NHS in the coalition's hands?
4. How does the bill make the NHS fairer when access to treatment will differ depending on where you live – and how your GPs manage their budgets?
5. How can I trust that a private provider puts my health needs before their profits?
6. What happens when my GP consortium decides that it won't supply the drugs or treatment I need? Will I have to move to another part of the country?
7. With the NHS fragmented between lots of competing providers, who will train the doctors, nurses and health professionals of tomorrow?
8. What will happen if our local hospital goes bust? Will you fight to stop it from closing?
9. Why has this government scrapped waiting time targets, so patients do not know when they will get the care they need?
10. If the Secretary of State for Health abandons his duty to provide a universal health care service, who can be trusted to ensure this principle remains at the heart of the NHS?

