



CAMPAIGNING TO SAVE OUR NHS

The coalition government's plans for our NHS could spell disaster

These policies represent the biggest change to our NHS since it was founded in 1948, and will affect every person. This government is intent on moving to an American-style market health system, where hospitals and doctors have to compete with each other for business. The cost of making such huge changes to our NHS is going to be at least £3 billion at a time when the NHS is reeling under the wider cuts.

Waiting times set to soar

Years of investment has meant an end to long waits for diagnostic tests and receiving treatment after your GP decides you need it. Now the coalition has abolished the target of 18 weeks – from GP referral to treatment – this will result in long delays for surgery and treatment causing patients more pain and suffering.

The rich will be treated first

Hospitals will be free to treat private paying customers first, with the rest of us having to wait our turn. Certain treatments like hernia operations could be dropped all together, forcing people to pay.

Cuts in services

The NHS is facing massive cuts – £20 billion 'efficiency savings' as well as a £6 billion a year short fall. This will result in the loss of vital services and tens of thousands of health care staff will lose their jobs. Our Hospitals will be at risk.

Will I get the drugs I need?

The government's plans will also bring about a huge postcode lottery where drugs and treatments will be available to patients of one GP and denied to those of another. Plus there is the prospect of

GP surgeries running out of money and telling patients they will have to wait until the new financial year before they can be treated.

How will GPs roles change

GPs will be made to take on the role of accountants, buying services for patients. Will patients still trust their doctor if they think he or she is putting cost cutting before their health? What will happen to the doctor patient relationship when it turns out the GP is responsible for the decision to close the local hospital

The ethos of the NHS will disappear

All our hospitals and community health services will be separated off from the NHS and made into independent businesses, meaning any of them could go bust or close a vital department like A&E to save money.

Did you vote for these changes?

None of these controversial policies were in the Conservative or Lib Dem manifestos at the election. They have come out of nowhere and are soon to be put to Parliament. We have to take a stand now to defend our NHS.

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