

What you can do!

The ConDem government are rushing the Bill through parliament knowing that many MPs are very ill-informed.

The Bill now goes to House of Commons for Report Stage & 3rd reading Sept. 6th & 7th, then to House of Lords on Oct. 5th.

Write letters: tell MPs and Lords to reject the Bill in its entirety. Find names of Lords and specimen letters on our website.

www.defendharingeyhealthservices.org.uk

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Attend the DHHS public meeting on Sept 1st and the Emergency London Keep Our NHS Public meeting Aug. 31st 7pm (venue to be announced)

Remember - international companies are waiting for their opportunities.

Don't let the coalition pass the bill that will destroy the NHS. The NHS was 63 this year. Don't let this be its last birthday!

Our **NHS** is the best. Don't lose it!

Public Meeting

September 1st 7.30pm

Hear why the Health and Social Care Bill must be thrown out!

Chestnut Community Centre

280 St Ann's Road
N15 5BN

Tube: Seven Sisters or Turnpike Lane

Buses: 341 or 67

Dr Ron Singer

President of the Medical Practitioners Union

Other speakers to be announced on the night



Meeting organised by **Defend Haringey Health Services**

Reasons why the NHS is the envy of the world:

- **It's cost-effective**; investing a smaller proportion of GDP than other countries whilst retaining excellent health outcomes.
- **It's popular**; people **don't** want these disruptive changes, certainly not the GPs. In responses to a questionnaire circulated by Defend Haringey Health Services GPs resoundingly reject the bill and the damage it will bring.
- **It's accessible to all unlike elsewhere**; in Europe people have to top up insurance for expensive conditions. In the USA most citizens have to take out hugely expensive insurance, only the very poor have free healthcare.

What makes the NHS so successful?

- **It's funded through taxation - more efficient than insurance, since there are fewer costly bureaucratic transactions.** But the Bill will allow private firms to provide services, leading to more fragmentation and increased transaction costs, while siphoning off profits to share-holders.
- **It's a universal service funded by everyone. Costs are pooled; budgets can be balanced – providing expensive critical care for the few and regular predictable services for the majority, with some citizens making no demands.** But the Bill will allow private providers to cherry pick the easily managed parts, leaving complex critical work and care of most vulnerable and risky patients to the NHS. We shall get a fragmented, two or three tier health service.

What does Defend Haringey Health Services demand?

- **An NHS that remains the responsibility of the Secretary of State** – The amended Bill would only require the Secretary of State to '**promote**' a comprehensive health service, we want the Secretary of State to '**provide**' our health service.
- **An NHS free from competition** – The amended Bill would open up the NHS to **EU competition law**; the government says the policy of 'any qualified provider' remains.
- **An NHS free from privatisation** – The government says 'What matters is the quality of care, not the ownership model', clearly they still want **more private sector involvement** in the NHS.
- **A unified and integrated NHS** – More competition and privatisation will ultimately fragment the NHS, no single agency will be responsible for your health. The private sector will profit, our health will suffer.