

YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER:

RECLAIM YOUR NHS

Private companies are taking over your health service, aiming to pump your tax money into their company profits... We're being forced to pay for more of our health care....

"The NHS will continue to exist for as long as there are those willing to fight for it" – Nye Bevan, NHS creator

Here's one chance to stand up and fight...

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

March in York with people from across our region

Assemble 12 noon at York Minster

Rally 1-2pm in St. Sampson's Sq.

March organised by **Defend our NHS/Keep Our NHS Public** groups from York, Leeds, Hull, Bradford, Kirklees, Calderdale and Harrogate. To find your local group, email leedskonp@yahoo.co.uk

Speakers at the rally:

Prof John Ashton CBE, NW Regional Director of Public Health

Dr John Puntis, Paediatrician at Leeds General Infirmary

Cllr James Alexander Labour Leader of York City Council

Cllr Andrew Cooper, Kirklees Green Party

Dermot Rathbone, Save Our Local NHS Hull and East Yorkshire

David Byrom, chair of Mid Yorks Hospitals Unison Branch

A year ago, the Coalition forced the Health & Social Care Act into law, amidst opposition from professionals and public alike. The Act:

- ◆ Opened the doors to privatising, with companies like Virgin, Serco and Circle carving up the NHS, making fat profits for shareholders.
- ◆ Allowed NHS hospitals to give 49% of care to private patients, creating a two-tier health service, where poorer patients suffer.
- ◆ Removed the government's legal duty to provide health care for all.

If we do nothing, the NHS will be lost to us and our children. We can expect to be forced to pay for more treatments and a rapid slide towards an insurance based health care system like that in America, with millions unable to get health care, sky high costs of bureaucracy, worse care, widespread corruption and thousands bankrupted simply by falling ill each year, even if they're insured.

Bring friends, family and colleagues, banners, placards, musical instruments, costumes etc to make an impact, and let us shout out for a publicly owned, comprehensive health service where its co-operation not competition that counts, and people not profits calling the shots.



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