



# SHEFFIELD SAVE OUR NHS

## Public Meeting

**Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-9 p.m.**

***Victoria Hall Committee Room  
Chapel Walk, Sheffield S1 4GX***

**Don't let the NHS become a market place**

**Resist the Coalition's cuts in Health and Social Care**

**Main Speaker**

***Professor Wendy Savage***

***Co Chair - KEEP OUR NHS PUBLIC***

**Plus speakers from local NHS campaigns and groups**

*Wendy Savage is an obstetrician known world wide as a champion of women's rights in childbirth and fertility. She has been an outspoken campaigner against the government's proposed changes to the NHS*

### **Come along and discuss:**

- Why the Coalition's Health and Social Care Bill should be scrapped.
- Alternatives to the privatisation of healthcare
- Cuts and closures already announced in our area
- Practical things that everyone can do to make a difference

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The Coalition Government are planning major changes to our Health Service. A wave of cuts has been announced across the country and private companies are queuing up to profit from our health and ill health.

This meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> is a chance for everyone concerned about the NHS to discuss how we in Sheffield will work against the government proposals.

## ***WE DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THESE HEALTH REFORMS***

Nobody wants the new Bill except the people who will profit from it. The BMA, the RCN, the Royal College of General Practitioners and the major trade unions representing NHS workers all oppose it.

Lansley says: "I'm sorry I haven't explained it properly."

We say: "The more you dig, the deeper the hole."

Public opposition has forced the coalition into 'listening mode' but nothing has really changed yet. If this Bill goes through, even with cosmetic changes, **64% or more of frontline NHS services are at risk of being made subject to competition and privatised.** Private health services have already been charging 10% higher than NHS costs. If things go wrong, they can walk away pocketing any profits, leaving patients in the lurch and relying on the public sector to pick up the pieces.

## ***WE DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT THESE CUTS***

Everyone in the NHS knows that cuts are slicing through services. First to go are clinical "non-essentials", often the very parts of the service which patients need to access treatment or help it be effective. Then the jobs go (560 ambulance workers in London).

In Sheffield 2 homes for people with dementia are scheduled for closure. There will be at least £37m managed cuts this year both in community services and in the hospitals. Staff everywhere are under huge pressure because of savings already being made.

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# **SHEFFIELD SAVE OUR NHS**

### **WE STAND FOR:**

- ◇ A publicly owned health service that puts people before profit!
- ◇ An open, accountable and democratically run health service!
- ◇ Quality, accessible health care free at the point of delivery for all!

### **THINGS YOU CAN DO:**

- ◇ Start talking to people in your workplace and immediate surroundings about how the cuts will affect them and what alternatives there are.
- ◇ Tell us what's happening to services and contribute to our 'cuts watch' website.
- ◇ Come along to 'Save Our NHS Sheffield' meetings, demonstrations and stalls.
- ◇ Join Keep Our NHS Public
- ◇ Sign the 38 degrees petition, write to your MP and tell Andrew Lansley what you think via his 'listening site' at <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/nhs-engagement-exercise/>

### **More Information**

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