

Contemporary Motions 2012

The deadline for receipt of contemporary motions is 12 noon on Friday 21 September.

Details on how to submit them may be found at

<http://www.labouremail.org.uk/emails/9460/2/2816/1441/6611/d5887792e912ec682ba68db0d253a4f0/>

NHS not for sale

Conference notes that the NHS is in crisis due to privatisation, fragmentation and cuts - exacerbated by the Tories' Health and Social Care Act. Trusts are being given incentives to increase access for private patients thereby giving NHS patients longer waiting-times.

Conference notes that on 3 August the Care Quality Commission issued a formal warning to the PFI-indebted, cash-strapped Mid-Yorkshire Hospitals Trust over poor patient care. This follows the privatisation of Hinchingbrooke Trust, which has massive PFI debts, and South London Healthcare Trust being put into administration.

Conference notes that A&E units at Ealing, Charing Cross, Hammersmith and Central Middlesex hospitals are threatened with closure - a threat replicated around the country.

Conference condemns the 19 South-West Trusts pushing for regional pay, with Andrew Lansley's approval. Conference calls on the next Labour government to:

- restore the Secretary of State's duty to provide comprehensive healthcare;
- repeal the Health and Social Care Act in line with the commitment given by Andy Burnham;
- end privatisation and outsourcing at every level;
- stop saddling the NHS with extortionate PFI charges;
- abolish the internal market;
- ensure decent, national wages, pensions and conditions for NHS workers.

Conference urgently calls on all sections of our Party to work with health unions and other NHS supporters to campaign against privatisation, cuts and closures; and to restore the principle of a publicly-owned, publicly-provided and publicly-accountable NHS, funded by progressive taxation and delivering care on the basis of need and not ability to pay.

249 words (maximum 250 words)