

Stop the Ealing NHS

“Sell Off”



Ealing Save Our NHS has written to the health bosses calling for an end to their plans to give Ealing 'out of hospital' NHS Services to a contractor for 10 years.

The local services threatened with contracting out include; district nurses, specialist children's services, physiotherapy, mental health services, dementia support, audiology, occupational therapy and much more.

We are totally opposed to the privatisation and marketisation of NHS services, it doesn't work for patients.

Running our services to a fixed reduced budget could mean that Ealing patients don't get treatment which is now available. It is no wonder that our local North West London NHS Trust, which currently provides most of these services has refused to bid as they couldn't provide a quality service for the money on offer. We understand another NHS Trust has made the same decision. Of course private company Virgin Care has no such worries.

Not only is the money too low, the successful contractor would be asked to provide 'care in the community' to somehow replace hospital beds. This is another terrible cuts plan that will not work. The UK already has far less hospital beds than other industrial countries - we certainly can't afford to lose even more.

We have told the Ealing Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England that this whole project is heading for a disaster and should be halted.

Ealing Save Our NHS recently held a protest outside a Virgin Care public relations meeting to highlight the overwhelming public opposition to NHS privatisation. People have got wise to the trick – keep running down our hospitals and then bring forward a plan for cuts and privatisation.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Visit us at www.ealingsaveournhs.org.uk or email us on info@ealingsaveournhs.org.uk to join the campaign and receive newsletters. Ask us for a window poster, car window sticker or leaflets for your neighbours.

Perhaps you could invite someone from Ealing Save Our NHS to talk to your community group.

We're on Facebook and Twitter too.



Why Our Health Staff are like Lions led by Donkeys

Staff at Ealing Hospital carry on doing a fantastic job despite have to work with constant threats of cuts, closures and reorganisations. So Ealing Save Our NHS was proud to organise a NHS birthday party on the 5th July, exactly 70 years to the day since British residents first had free public health care. Before the NHS those unable to pay often died.

Outside the hospital we had a huge cake, with singing and short speeches from campaigners, local politicians and hospital staff. We were delighted to be joined by lots of hospital staff and local people.

But meanwhile yet another service has been cut at Ealing. Urological Services have moved to distant Northwick Park Hospital and to Central Middlesex Hospital, where there's no A&E. No A&E means no back up for the hundreds of Ealing residents who need emergency admission to Urology.

So who makes all these decisions? As well as the Clinical Commissioning Groups there's now a growing number of overlapping organisations and new ones keep being added. This top down re-organisation ordered by the Government is hugely expensive, as well as undermining the NHS and demoralising the staff. That's why we say our wonderful front line NHS staff seem to be like lions led by donkeys.

A recent report in the Guardian newspaper revealed that over the past six years, North West London Clinical Commissioning Groups spent 66 million pounds of our money on 41 different management consulting firms including the big four: McKinsey, EY, Deloitte and PWC.

But despite the spending on endless reports and proposals, up to now their plans just haven't worked. Which of course ESON and many other local residents have said all along. It seems health bosses have lots of money for themselves but less and less to pay for staff and services.



Stephen Cowan, the leader of Hammersmith & Fulham Council, said the £66m spent by our NHS in North-West London was "a complete waste of money, evidenced by the fact that they couldn't produce a business plan".

So we say it's time to STOP all this nonsense and spend our NHS money on front line staff and Hospital consultants - not private Management Consultants!

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