

EALING A&E is SAVED!

A huge retreat by Government and Health Bosses

Finally – at last, the Government has admitted the horrible ‘Shaping a Healthier Future Plan’ (SaHF) is not workable. It’s dead!



It means that Ealing and Charing Cross Hospitals will keep their Accident and Emergency Departments and the plans to cut hundreds of beds have been scrapped, but there is still massive underfunding.

Former NHS England chief executive Sir David Nicholson had called these plans “*the most significant reconfiguration project in the country*”. But since they

first announced the SaHF plans to downgrade four major hospitals in North West London, Ealing Save Our NHS has been campaigning against it side by side with many others including Save Our Hospitals Charing Cross and the Councils in Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham.

SaHF had offices in posh Marylebone and spent tens of millions of pounds of NHS cash on management consultants. All for nothing.

Now the Secretary of State for Health, Matt Hancock, has finally admitted that the Department of Health can no longer support SaHF.

The application for £500 million pounds by local health bosses had been turned down twice because the figures didn’t work.

It was no surprise to us, the figures never worked.

Ealing Save Our NHS has distributed nearly a third of a million leaflets on the streets, held protests, attended carnivals, organised parties, lobbies, petitions, car conveys and much else to spell out the truth, all paid for out of our own pockets and donations.

Without public support and campaigning we would not have save these A&Es – so thanks to the amazing staff at Ealing Hospital and all the people, who stood by the NHS and our Hospital throughout. Of course we need to carry on campaigning; the NHS and our local hospitals are still under threat and we now want the Maternity and Paediatric (childrens) services at Ealing to be restored.



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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Visit us at www.ealingsaveournhs.org.uk to join the campaign and receive newsletters. Ask us for a window poster, car window sticker or leaflets for your neighbours. Invite someone from Ealing Save Our NHS to talk to your community group. We’re on Facebook and Twitter too.

Ealing Health Bosses Nasty Secret

In 2015 Ealing NHS bosses expensively outsourced its referral management service to a private company called Optum. **These people make profits from our NHS at the same time as they deciding where patients go for treatment.** In our view, this is scandalous - profit making companies shouldn't be doing this. In any case we are supposed to have the right to choose where we are treated. Now it turns out that Optum is a subsidiary of **United Healthcare**, the huge US private health insurance company and (*surprise surprise*) Simon Stevens, appointed by the Government to run NHS England, used to be one of their senior bosses.



THE GOVERNMENT LONG TERM PLAN

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The Government has produced a 'Long Term Plan' for the NHS. Amazingly, it more or less **ignores** the fact there are 100,000 unfilled NHS positions. It also ignores the financial crisis of NHS Trusts, the ever-increasing backlog of maintenance work and the increasing rise in emergency caseload. It has no plan for the workforce anywhere in its 136 pages!

So what does the Plan actually propose? More re-organisation of course! That's what the men in suits love above all else. Clinical Commissioning Groups will be forcibly merged together, so for example Ealing CCG will probably be merged into a new CCG for the whole of North West London that would be even more remote from the public, less accountable and more secret. GP

practices could be forced to merge and become huge. The Government's vision of our NHS seems to be one of **huge business-style contracts**.

What these Government flunkies get really enthusiastic about is trying to **replace face-to-face NHS services with "virtual" online services**. Their ambition is to have less GPs and to cut a third of outpatient appointments. We believe digital support can be very useful, but simply can't replace human contact services on this sort of scale.

So this isn't a plan for the people; it's a plan that continues cuts and privatisation, but they are certainly feeling the pressure from patients and campaigns all around the country like ours.

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