

Labour must commit fully to ending privatisation in the NHS

Conference notes:

- The NHS Accountable Care System (ACS) contracts announced on 7 August impose a basis for 44+ local health services to replace England's NHS. This has bypassed Parliamentary debate and due legislative process.
- On 9 August, the House of Commons Library revealed a doubling of the number of NHS sites being sold off. 117 of these currently provide clinical services.

Like their US templates, ACSs will provide limited services on restricted budgets, replacing NHS hospitals with downskilled community units.

The ACSs and asset sell-off are fruits of the 5 Year Forward View currently being implemented via the Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs). The 5YFV meticulously reproduces global policy aims formulated by healthcare multinationals.

This Conference congratulates our Party for its manifesto commitment to restore our NHS by reversing privatisation and halting and reviewing STPs. It therefore calls on the party to oppose and reverse not only cuts but also 5YFV *policy*, which includes:

- creating ACSs
- replacing 7500 GP surgeries with 1500 “superhubs”.
- downskilling clinical staff.
- reclassifying NHS services as chargeable, means-tested “social care”.
- cementing the private sector role, e.g. as ACS “partners” and/or as combined health and social-care service providers.

Conference recognises this process is too advanced for mere amendment of the 2012 Health & Social Care Act to be effective. It calls for our next manifesto to include existing Labour policy to restore our fully funded, comprehensive, universal, publicly-provided and owned NHS without user charges, as per the NHS (Reinstatement) Bill.