

SUSTAINABILITY and TRANSFORMATION PLANS

- unprecedented cuts to our local health services.

- The government do not intend to ever fund the level of health care that we have had in the past.
- Chronic underfunding of the NHS has led to an overspend or deficit of £2.45 billion. By 2020/21 this is expected to be £22 billion.
- Sustainability means 'balancing the books' by making radical CUTS.
- Transformation means designing cheaper models of health care in the long term by making CUTS.
- In Cornwall the level of cuts required to eliminate the deficit is £140million in 2016/17 and £277million by 2020/21

Underfunding the NHS is a political choice

- This Government spends less of our GDP on health than similar European countries – 8.5% compared with France (10.9%), Germany (11%), Netherlands (11.1%).
- If the Government chose to fund the NHS in line with comparable developed countries there would be no need for cuts.

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- The administration of the NHS 'market' costs the taxpayer £4.5 billion a year.
- That £4.5 billion is enough to pay for 10 specialist hospitals or 174,000 extra nurses or 42,000 extra GPs or 39 million extra patient visits to A&E.
- If 'marketisation' was abolished (as proposed by the NHS Reinstatement Bill 2016) there would be no financial need for any cuts.

These NHS cuts are undemocratic

- No one voted for any of this. Prior to the 2010 general election, David Cameron pledged 'reorganisations'.
- Sustainability and Transformation Plans did not feature in the 2015 Conservative Party manifesto.
- Further reorganisation of the NHS, resulting in the STPs and the proposed cuts, have not been debated in Parliament.

What will the plans mean for our communities?

Details of the proposed cuts remain secret but it is likely to mean:

- A reduction in hospital beds
- Closure of hospital departments
- Increased community-based care
- Centralising services into fewer centres