

# We must fight to Keep Our NHS Public

## Our NHS is under sustained attack

Locally, there is a risk our services will be auctioned off. Nationally, the Health & Social Care Act is just the latest way to introduce privatisation. Join the campaign against NHS privatisation - say "No!" to an American-style market-based health system.



## The hope: We can win – and show that people can resist the attacks on the NHS

Having halted NHS outsourcing plans in court, our 9 community hospitals and 3000 health workers could now stay in the NHS. Following a long campaign, the government has relented and said that local health bosses (the Primary Care Trust (PCT)) can choose to set up a new standalone NHS Trust. This simple option could be pursued without having to put services up for auction ('tender').

## The danger - putting profits before patients

The PCT has not yet said it will definitely keep our services in the NHS. It might still give in to pressure to go out to 'tender', even though this is legally unnecessary, expensive, and dangerous. Tendering opens the door for private companies like Virgin, Serco and CareUK, who are taking over NHS hospitals elsewhere, to take over here too. Splitting services up makes this more likely, too.



## What you can do – Raise your Voice!

1. **Come to June 16 rallies across Gloucestershire** – see over
2. **Put this leaflet up** on noticeboards in your community & workplace
3. **Copy and distribute this leaflet** at work, to friends, neighbours, everyone!
4. Whether you work in health or not, **speak to your union rep** and ask them to circulate this information. If you are a health worker and want to speak confidentially to a campaigning member of staff, **email [helpthenhs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helpthenhs@hotmail.co.uk)**.
5. **Write to the Primary Care Trust:** Sanger House, Gloucester Business Park, Brockworth, GL3 4FE. CEO [jan.stubbings@nhs.net](mailto:jan.stubbings@nhs.net) and Chair [ruth.fitzjohn@nhs.net](mailto:ruth.fitzjohn@nhs.net), **to local papers** and **to doctors**, both your own GP and the chair of the 'Clinical Commissioning Group' [helen.miller12@nhs.net](mailto:helen.miller12@nhs.net) and **write to your councillors, and Member of Parliament.**

See [keepglosNHSpublic.posterous.com](http://keepglosNHSpublic.posterous.com) for sample letters, contact details and a downloadable version of this leaflet. Get in touch if you would like posters.

Stop the fragmentation and sell-off of Our NHS – don't let it end up like dentistry

# Saturday June 16th 2012

## Meet 12 noon at Stroud Hospital

one of the co-ordinated county-wide rallies to  
**Keep Gloucestershire's NHS Public**  
alongside rallies in the Forest of Dean and Gloucester

# SAVE OUR NHS

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