

My apologies for this 11th hour response but it is a very hectic time, as you can imagine. It would not have been appropriate for me not to answer. Please forgive the brevity of my answers. I have to be candid - it is unlikely I will be returned. Any response however has to be informed by whether or not 'I' would be in opposition or working in coalition with others. Unfortunately, it will be the responses from those most likely to be returned that will be missing.

1 a) No. b) Yes, I would oppose them vehemently; by making speeches, enlisting support from colleagues, press releases/quotes, informing the constituents etc.

2 a) No. b) everything in my power (see above)

3a) Unacceptable - but they are coping extraordinarily well, under the circumstances.

4 a) No, I do not believe this. b) Quite the reverse; it is unfeasible in the extreme.

5 a) I find this totally unacceptable. b) slightly rhetorical: 'everything in my power'.

6. There are conflicts even within the Success Regime cabal itself; they are floundering. The major conflict of interest is their financial involvement and the extent to which their income is motivating their commitment. They are gamekeepers turned poachers. Eliminating them is going to be fiendishly difficult. FoI might help - or whistle-blowing at the right moment.

7 a) No it hasn't; although they would maintain it has. I'm not sure I even want it to - after all, its remit is to privatise the NHS essentially. b) I have little confidence that this would/could ever happen. In saying 'all', I'm afraid the details are fiendishly complicated and I'm not sure scrutiny for all is going to help. This has to be done objectively and professionally. c) As such, I would fight for such detail to be transparent and available but I would seek professional interpretation and legal guidance. FoI is often the best way of wheedling out such info.

8 a) Yes, but possibly not enough, as our campaign has been targeted - only one Division has been fully covered, although other divisions have received our newspaper, which features a strong article on NHS/SOHS. b) Yes of course; repeatedly and vociferously; however, no, I have not stated personally how I would work to halt the process as a County Cllr - I have tended to leave such coherent statements to others, on my behalf. c) My statements on this aspect have been unsatisfactory; I'm aware of that. It is something I would work hard to rectify and to get up to speed if elected. It would be a learning curve but I know where to get the information and the 'real' facts from.

Many thanks - thank-you for your hard work on this important issue.

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