

SOHS Newsletter August 2016

NHS England's Plans are now in place to cut A&E Hospitals across England from the present 140 down to less than 70.

For further information on "the biggest attack on the NHS you've never heard of" visit the website of www.999callforNHS.org.uk

Cuts are planned for North Devon, but we are fighting back now!



Tuesday 23rd August - Demonstration at North Devon Hospital to stop any plans to cut services.

Plans are being put into place to cut key services from Barnstaple A&E, Acute Stroke, Maternity, and Women and Children's Services. Action is being organised by 'Save North Devon's Hospital Services' (SNDHS). The website is www.sohs.org.uk.

The action. We have been informed by the trust, there are 'no red lines', when it comes to cuts (ND.Gazette15.06.16). We want to make it plain, there are clear red lines beyond which, cuts will not be accepted. (see attached poster)

On Tues 23rd August meet 10.00 at Pilton Park to march or 10.30 Hospital gates if not marching Wear red, bring along red ribbon.

If we want a public NHS to be there for us, our children and our grandchildren then we have to fight now. Once our NHS has gone, it's gone.

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Health Minister Jeremy Hunt has top-secret plans to slash vital NHS services across the country. These plans are called "Sustainability and Transformation plans". NHS England has split England into 44 areas, and forced each area to create emergency plans to cut costs by not giving the NHS the money it needs, they're squeezing the budget so hard there is no option but cuts. They're being drawn up right now, for every single area in England. The plan for one area's already been leaked and it calls for axing 500 hospital beds. By the time they're all unveiled to the public, it might already be too late. (taken from 38 degrees publicity)

NHS England: Sustainability and transformation plans:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/deliver-forward-view/stp/>

According to the NHS England website, STPs were submitted in June, with a view to implementation starting in Autumn 2016.

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The following article came from the British Medical Journal

“July 2016 saw the very quiet publication of two key documents charting the route to the privatisation of the NHS in England. Firstly, from NHS England, came [Strengthening Financial Performance and Accountability in 2016-17](#). This is the latest set of instructions on the implementation of NHS chief executive Simon Stevens’s [Five Year Forward View](#) (5YFV). The 5YFV is increasingly coming to resemble one of Stalin’s Five Year Plans “

“private sector and insurance friendly “new models of care” are being imposed in community settings, [further undermining NHS hospitals](#). The ultimate intended outcomes of this massive, dictatorial reorganisation process are privatisation, co-payments, charges, and insurance funded care.”

For the full account, <http://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2016/08/05/tory-plans-for-nhs-privatisation-released-during-parliamentary-recess/>

Please forward this letter to everybody on your mailing list, whether in North Devon or not, and ask them to forward it on. This is a fight for everybody who values a national health service.