

Dear Wes Streeting, MP

## PRIVATE SECTOR - NO SOLUTION

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We're concerned that Labour supports flawed Tory plans to reduce the backlog by outsourcing more NHS-funded services to the private sector. Framing the corporate health sector as a 'short term' solution under a future Labour government, legitimises ruinous Tory ideology and normalises private healthcare. A slippery slope. Labour also risks electoral damage - seen by the public as no different to the Tories.

Our NHS works well with proper long-term investment and funding. Diverting NHS funds to subsidise and boost a parasitic private sector will not solve key issues besetting healthcare. Instead, it will prevent capacity building and fatally destabilise our NHS, resulting in a rump service.

The Health Foundation, PAC, NAO, and The Lancet highlight the serious flaws in using the private sector.

- No 'spare' capacity. NHS and private sector both draw on same (shrinking) pool of clinicians.
- Cherry-picks low risk, lucrative surgery eg cataracts. NHS expertise and specialisms undermined.
- Outsourcing to private sector (privatisation by stealth) is linked to avoidable deaths.
- Does not train/ develop staff - parasitic exploitation (£8bn subsidy).
- Private sector is reliant on A&E and intensive care when things go wrong (Costs us £80m/yr).
- Bottom line is profit. Not patients. NHS funds overseas shareholders – with no NHS reinvestment.
- Private providers set up in affluent areas - worsening inequality.

We want a pledge from Labour to

1. **Stop diverting NHS funds to the Private Sector**
2. **Fund and invest in our NHS to rebuild after years of managed decline**
3. **Become 'the party of the NHS' by committing to a fully publicly owned and provided NHS**

*My personal message to you.*

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