

JULY 3RD - DAY OF PROTEST TO **SAVE OUR NHS** **FROM THE TORIES!**

REJECT THE 1% PAY INSULT TRADE UNION ACTION FOR 15%

FULLY FUND THE NHS - END PRIVATISATION

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The day of protest on 3 July, the anniversary of the foundation of the NHS, should be the launch of a fight on pay and to save our NHS. Let's build the protests around the country and demand a real fight from trade union leaders. NHS workers, organised in trade unions, backed up by vibrant campaigns in our communities, can build a mighty movement on pay and to save the NHS from the Tories.

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Complacency, incompetence, cronyism, corruption and downright cruelty. 150,000 deaths. That's the real Covid record of the Tories and working-class people have paid for it. Amid criminal shortfalls in staff numbers, bed shortages and inadequate PPE – the result of years of privatisation and austerity - NHS and care staff have worked themselves to exhaustion to save lives.

Last summer NHS workers protested for a 15% pay increase. The Tories response? A 1% slap in the face - along with a pay freeze for the rest of the public sector.

Trashing previous pandemic preparations; booting elderly people, untested, out of hospitals into care homes; bunging billions of pounds of public money to their big business mates – at every stage Boris Johnson and the Tories have put profit before lives.

Now they've fallen out, but we didn't need former Tory advisers like Dominic Cummings to tell us what's wrong.

But where is the opposition from the Labour Party, that should have been lacerating Johnson and championing workers' interests, instead of allowing him to temporarily bask in the success of the vaccine programme and pretend to stand up for the working class?

Right-wing Labour leader Keir Starmer has meekly nodded along with the Tories all year. But he hasn't shown the same mildness in his party, ruthlessly driving out Jeremy Corbyn and the anti-austerity programme that demanded an end to cuts and privatisation in the NHS. Workers need our own political voice – we need a new mass party of working class and young people.

And we need a fightback - to take

to the streets and organise in our workplaces. NHS workers organised in trade unions, backed up by vibrant community campaigns, have tremendous potential power. So let's put demands on the trade union leaders. We call for a national NHS demonstration and to prepare the ground for national coordinated strike action.

The Tories are using Covid to accelerate the privatisation of the NHS and their plans for social care don't include reinstating the millions cut from budgets or taking care homes out of the hands of private profiteers and bringing them back in-house.

It is only through mass workers' struggle, linked to fighting for a working class political voice, that we can establish a fully funded, publicly owned and democratically controlled NHS and social care system – a socialist NHS.

WE FIGHT FOR:

- An immediate 15% pay rise for all health and care staff including those in privatised sectors. Minimum wage of £12 an hour - £15 in London. Scrap zero-hours contracts immediately
- Reverse all privatisations. Scrap the Private Finance Initiative and cancel all PFI debts. Bring all outsourced workers and services in-house on a permanent contract
- A fully publicly funded NHS and care system free at the point of use. Scrap prescription charges in England, and dental and all health charges
- Nationalise the private health care sector, care homes. the medical supply industry and the pharmaceutical companies - integrate them into the NHS
- Reinstate student bursaries and scrap tuition fees in England
- We can't trust pro-privatisation, pro-austerity, anti-working class politicians. Fight for the building of a new mass workers' party
- A socialist NHS - democratically run by elected and accountable committees including service workers and users
- A socialist planned economy to end oppression, poverty and inequality

MODEL MOTION:

This (TU branch/organisation) gives its full support to the National Health Service and NHS workers.

We condemn the derisory pay offer from the Tory government to NHS staff and agree to support any campaign from NHS unions for a substantial increase in pay within the NHS. This should apply to all NHS workers, including outsourced staff who should be brought in-house to work directly for the health service on NHS pay, pensions, terms and conditions.

We also condemn the Tory Government's public sector pay freeze and the employers' 'fire and rehire' strategy.

We call on all relevant unions to campaign in preparation for national coordinated strike action to end the pay freeze and the attempt to lower wages and conditions.

We call upon our national union to work with other unions to call a national demonstration to properly fund the NHS and end privatisation.

'Health Campaigns Together', 'Keep our NHS Public' and 'NHS workers say no' have called for city/region wide demonstrations and rallies on Saturday 3 July 2021. This branch agrees to play a role in building for a rally and demonstration in and calls on all shop stewards and members to support it.