

Your local NHS is under threat from privatisation

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service – it's time to
speak out

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Your local NHS is changing. Community health services, including district nursing, health visiting, learning disabilities, community hospitals, child health centres, diabetes and asthma clinics, and therapy services, are all run by your local NHS primary care trust (PCT.) But now the government wants to change this by using private companies to provide some of these services.

UNISON is the largest union in the NHS and our priority is to continue to improve the NHS services our members provide. We do not believe that these government plans will deliver better services – we think that breaking up the services like this will compromise the quality of your healthcare.

UNISON knows that most people want their services to remain in the NHS. That's why we are demanding a halt to future privatisation of the NHS, and we are standing up for healthcare workers and the NHS services they provide.

UNISON is the voice of NHS staff. Our members are dedicated to the NHS and are campaigning to protect it. Add your voice to ours and speak up against these changes.

How can you have your say?

There are several ways to tell people what you think about these plans. You can:

- ask your PCT for their proposals and how you can give your feedback - they must consult the public on any changes to local health services. Find their contact details at www.nhs.uk
- contact local UNISON members and add your support as they campaign to protect community health services - call 0845 355 0845 for details
- talk to your colleagues, family and friends about these changes and encourage them to have their say
- ask local patient and community groups about these proposals – you may even want to get involved in a group
- contact your Local Involvement Network (LINK) which is the organisation that shapes how health and social care services are run. Find LINKs at www.direct.gov.uk and contact them to find out how you can have your say
- contact your local council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – their job is to look at what is happening to health services in your area – you may want to write to them or go along to a meeting
- ask your local MP and councillors if they know what is happening to local health services and tell them what you think – find out who to contact at www.theyworkforyou.com and your local authority website

If you want to find out more – or need more information about how you can get involved - call 0845 355 0845 or go to www.unison.org.uk/pct

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