

Talk to Ten... Stop the Cuts

The ConDem Health Bill will cost **£1.4 billion** and lead to privatisation and reductions in services and jobs. They are also cutting a further £20 billion from the NHS. This will hurt us all.

The British Medical Association has called on the Government to drop its plans. A leading member says, "the government wishes to turn back the clock to the 1930s and 1940s... when there were private, charitable and co-operative providers of healthcare... that system failed to provide... a service for the citizens of this country."

The danger of cutting spending now is that it will reduce growth and drive us back into recession. The Government's cuts will **depress growth**.

The North West has already faced the biggest share of the £1.17 billion in cuts to local authorities. We've lost £1 of every £6 cut across the UK. By way of contrast, leafy and rich Tory area were treated more generously.

This isn't fair or just.

And the ConDem government hasn't stopped. It proposes to privatise just about all public services... **If we let them.**




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Fight the cuts! Talk to your friends and colleagues! Get them involved!



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What can we do about it?

Add yourself to People Power. Make sure you come to the biggest event of the year, the TUC 'March for the Alternative' on **26th March** in **London**. Transport is available, talk to your Branch. If you can't make it, there are still important things you can do.

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- Write a letter to your local newspaper, telling them the real effect of the government's cuts. Give an example which affects you, your family or your local community.
- Write to your local MP or Councillor. Tell them your opinion and find out what they're doing to stop the cuts. Contact the union for your MP's contact details or go to www.theyworkforyou.org.uk
- Look on the UNISON website www.unison.co.uk for briefings. Get involved in Branch campaigns. Check the False Economy website www.falseeconomy.org.uk to see where cuts are taking place locally, and how to get involved in campaigns to stop them.
- Campaigning works. Protests by local campaigners against a decision to close Levenshulme (Manchester) swimming baths got the decision reversed. Web campaigners 38 Degrees forced the Government to axe its plans to privatise Britain's forests.

Around 30 years ago, a Prime Minister came to power keen to privatise the NHS. Minister after Minister was appointed, and each sacked in turn as they failed. Finally, one with more guts told her she couldn't. One of the reasons was a quarter of a million people on the banks of the Thames demonstrating in support of healthworkers. If we hadn't fought them then, there would be no NHS now.

What YOU do makes a difference