

# TACKLING THE NHS CRISIS

After more than a decade of government cuts, underfunding and privatisation, our NHS is under unprecedented strain.

## **IN ENGLAND ALONE:**

- Between 300 and 500 patients are dying needlessly each week due to delays in emergency care
- Over 13% of the population - more than 7.5 million people - are on the NHS waiting list for treatment
- There are over 120,000 full-time NHS staff shortages

Meanwhile, private healthcare providers are making millions - sometimes billions - from contracts to run NHS services, often with inadequate outcomes. Last year the government handed £500 million to private firms to “ease the NHS backlog”, only to result in 6.6% fewer patients being seen!

## **THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS NO SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS FACING OUR NHS.**

Private providers cherry pick which patients to care for - prioritising what will increase profit margins the most. They also do not train new doctors and nurses, or provide Accident & Emergency care.

It doesn't have to be this way. The government could choose to prioritise investment in the health of the nation - but instead they are serving the interests of companies whose key concern is profit.

## **TO TRULY TACKLE THE GROWING CRISIS IN OUR NHS, WE NEED:**

- Health spending that matches countries like France & Germany
- An inflation-busting pay rise for NHS staff
- The reversal of outsourcing to private healthcare companies

This could all be funded through a small increase in tax for big corporations and the super rich. Just a 1% wealth tax on assets over £10m would raise £10bn alone. It's a lie that the government can't afford to fund healthcare properly.

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