



Worcester Trades Union Council

HEALTH FUNDING CRISIS – WE NEED ACTION NOW

Public Meeting on Thursday, 23 March, 7.15pm

St Andrew's Methodist Church Hall, Pump Street,
Worcester

Worcestershire's health services are in a critical condition but our MPs are doing nothing. They must be told to act now to fully fund our health and care services. In the last few months we have learned:

- Patients have been left waiting for treatment on trolleys in A&E Departments for hours. Sadly some have even died. WRI has been working at 95% capacity-much higher than recommended for patient safety
- People are finding they must wait longer to see a GP because of a shortage of both doctors and nurses
- Nearly half the beds in community hospitals in Worcestershire are threatened with closure
- Restricting treatment for knee and hip replacements and other cuts have been announced. These cuts are being introduced simply to save money and not for health reasons
- Reorganizing Worcestershire's acute hospital services will mean many patients will have to travel longer distances to get necessary treatments

Worcester Trades Union Council says health services are failing. The UK already spends less per head on health services than countries such as France and Germany. And we waste health money; privatisation has been a disaster. What we need is Fair Funding for the NHS in England. We need to get the Government to make sure the NHS and care services have the money they need to keep the NHS safe and not waste it privatising services.

- Sign our petition for more funding: wtucgroup@gmail.com
- Join the national protest in London on Saturday, 4 March 2017. Local coach seats available: contact: wtucgroup@gmail.com
- Attend our free Public Meeting in Worcester on Thursday, 23 March 2017 at 7.15pm. To reserve your seat and details of how you can put your questions and ideas contact: wtucgroup@gmail.com

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