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Talking points



NHS Funding

The Government is not telling the truth when it says it plans to spend £10 billion more a year on the NHS by 2020. The true figure is £4.5 billion. That is not enough to keep up with growing health care needs.

This decade (2010-2020) sees the largest ever sustained reduction in UK NHS spending as a percentage of GDP.

The NHS will see an annual rise of 1.1% between 2010 and 2020, but this falls to a 0.1% annual rise when population growth is taken into account. This is the lowest average annual change of any decade and does not meet the growth in need for health services of 3% each year due to medical advances and ageing population.

Affordability of the NHS

The NHS is not unaffordable or unsustainable. It's underfunded:

http://www.bmj.com/content/343/bmj.d4321?ath_user=nhssyatanker001&ath_ttok=%253CTh1vjKMBw1M5kvRdGg%253E

UK spending on healthcare is the lowest of G7 countries:

http://www.bmj.com/content/348/bmj.g3063?utm_content=buffer5a4f4&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

The NHS is not a "drag" on the economy. It stimulates economic growth by keeping us healthy & employing 1.4m people:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1744-8603-9-43.pdf>



'I have had my life saved by the NHS, and I have myself saved lives with the NHS. It's the best of Britain. Don't let them take it away from you.'

*Moosa Qureshi,
Specialist doctor in leukaemia & blood diseases*

Private hospitals

Profits in private hospital chains Spire and BMI have been rising strongly as a result of increased NHS contracts to treat patients in otherwise empty beds.

From October 2010-April 2014 802 patients died unexpectedly in private hospitals, & there were 921 serious injuries:

<http://t.co/mSwYuoVkf>

Costs of the market

Collapsed contracts to privatise services for older people in Cambridgeshire and cancer care in Staffordshire have wasted millions. Meanwhile as NHS trust deficits increase, almost half the £2bn extra funding for NHS commissioning in 2015/16 went to non-NHS providers. On average £1 in every £8 of local commissioners' budgets is now spent on care from non-NHS organisations."

<http://www.health.org.uk/sites/health/files/YearOfPlenty.pdf>

NHS Performance

A+E

The number of people attending A+E who are seen and treated within 4 hours has dropped from 97% in 2010 to 83% in 2017.

Trolley waits

In February 2017 54,492 people waited on trolleys for a hospital bed, compared with 7,872 in February 2011 – a seven-fold increase over just six years.

Ambulances

Ambulance service has not met its target of responding to 25% of urgent calls within 8 minutes since 2013/14. Recent performance is the worst it has ever been with over 30% of urgent calls not responded to in less than 8 minutes.

Treatment Waiting times

The proportion of patients waiting more than 18 weeks to begin their treatment increased to more than 10 per cent in December 2016 which is the worst performance since the standard was introduced in 2012.

Cancer

Cancer treatment waiting times targets have been missed since 2014:

[Data from www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk)

Delayed transfer of care

At the end of December 2016, 6,191 patients were delayed in hospitals. This is the highest number for this time of year since the data began and is an increase of 24 per cent since December 2015.

NHS best in world

According to an international panel of experts, the NHS is the best health care system in the world. The UK is rated as superior to countries which spend far more on health. The privatised health care in the US is ranked as worst:
<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jun/17/nhs-health>

The NHS is the thing that makes most people proud to be British
<http://nhap.org/the-nhs-remains-the-thing-that-makes-most-people-proud-to-be-british/>

Privatisation

33% increase in Department of Health spending on private providers in the past two years:
<https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/influence/keynegotiations/nhs-funding/privatisation-report>

Two in five fear NHS will soon cease to be free
<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/oct/23/nhs-paid-service-public-fears>

Costs of privatisation

The costs of maintaining market mechanisms in the NHS have been estimated as at least £4.5 billion a year – enough to pay for either ten specialist hospitals, 174,798 extra nurses, 42,413 extra GPs, or 39,473,684 extra patient visits to A&E.

PFI

The scandal of Private Finance Initiative - cost of building hospitals: £12.4 billion. NHS pays back: £80.7 billion:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/503954/current_projects_as_at_31_March_2015.xlsx

Staffing

UK has far fewer nurses, doctors and beds per thousand people than the Western European average. OECD data.

GPs

Between September 2015 and December 2016, the number of GPs fell by 542 (1.6%).
<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/hot-topics/general-practiceforward-view/will-the-nhs-deliver-5000-extra-gps-by-2020/20034160.article>

Immigration

Most immigrants who come here young, healthy, work+pay taxes. They pay in MORE than they take out:
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/05/migration-target-useless-experts>

NHS in 'dire straits' without migrants, 35% of "health professionals" come from outside the UK:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-30417950>

Health Tourism

Actual cost of health tourism = 0.06% of the total NHS budget:
<http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2013/10/how-much-does-health-tourism-really-cost-nhs-its-not-%C2%A32bn>

Public Health

Public health budgets were cut by £200 million in 2015/16 and will fall by a further £600 million by 2020/21

Social care

After 6 years of cuts to adult social care, 400,000 fewer people have access to council funded social care. Estimates from the King's Fund put the deficit in the order of £4 billion.



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'As a junior doctor and a researcher looking after cancer patients in the NHS, I am terrified by the prospect of what the election will bring.'

Dr Aislinn Macklin-Doherty