

# KEEP OUR NHS PUBLIC

## DURHAM

Our NHS is in *mortal danger* since the passing of the **Health and Social Care Act** in 2012. In spite of the opposition of all but one of the medical Royal Colleges, our most important and beloved national institution, the NHS, could be *privatised out of existence*.

Under European competition law contracts must be put out to *compulsory competitive tender*. Private companies can then cherry-pick large-volume, high-profit services. Meanwhile the NHS is increasingly *destabilized* and left with *expensive and complicated procedures*.

KONP Durham started with our local **38 Degrees Save Our NHS** petition, which was signed by over *1000 local residents*. We are doing what we can at a local level to hold our local **Clinical Commissioning Groups** to account. Services (e.g. Children's Speech and Language Therapy) are starting to be lost already. In the Foundation Trust, scans and secretarial work have been outsourced, with resulting inefficiency.

Join us to try to reverse this *pernicious legislation*.

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