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NHS EMERGENCY: SERVICES IN CRISIS



- CONSERVATIVE NHS CRISIS**
- ← Harder to get a GP appointment
 - ← Fewer nurses
 - Services at the Alex under threat
 - ← Crisis in A&E

Britain faces a choice. The future of our NHS is at stake.

Britain faces a choice about the future of our NHS. Five more years of the Conservatives will mean a worsening health service crisis with waiting lists rising and services at risk. But a Labour government will invest in the extra staff our NHS needs to make sure it has the time to care for you and your family.

Patients have welcomed Labour's commitment to invest in 8,000 more GPs, 20,000 more nurses, 3,000 more midwives and 5,000 more home-care workers as part of Labour's plan to build an NHS with the time to care.

Labour will fund this investment in our NHS by raising £2.5 billion through clamping down on

hedge funds and other tax avoiders. Labour will force tobacco firms to contribute to our NHS and raise further money from a tax on high value properties worth over £2 million.

Experts warn that David Cameron has caused a crisis in the health service here in Redditch by putting private profit before patient care. Local people are angry that the Conservatives have allowed vital services to be run down to the point at which nurses and doctors no longer have time to see patients in the way they want, while elderly people needing care have been left isolated and without the support they deserve.

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CONSERVATIVES FAILING THE NEXT GENERATION



Rebecca Blake campaigning for young people in Redditch

Under David Cameron, the number of 18-24 year olds claiming unemployment benefits for over a year has gone up. 750,000 young people are currently out of a job.

Here in Redditch, there is a clear choice. Five more years of David Cameron failing the next generation, or a Labour government that guarantees a job or training for young people out of work for a year. Labour's plan for more apprenticeships and new technical degrees will let young people choose a better future by offering the opportunity to learn a trade and develop skills for a future career. Rebecca said "Since Connexions has been cut

there has been even less careers advice for school pupils. I want to see young people given a full range of options for their future, not limited by a lack of knowledge or choice." Hannah who attends a local high school said "I'd like to be given opportunities to see what career I might enjoy, especially for people like me who do not have a particular job in mind. Having to wait until year 11 for work experience feels too late."

CONTROLLED IMMIGRATION WITH LABOUR

People regularly discuss immigration with me on the doorstep and the majority of people want a fair immigration system which Labour will provide.

The Conservatives have left our immigration system in chaos and have no idea who is coming in or out of the country. That's why Labour will bring in 1,000 extra border staff to tackle illegal immigration and get immigration under control.

Working migrants have always made a positive contribution to this country, but it is fair that before drawing on the welfare state, people should first work and contribute to it. That is why Labour will ensure that EU migrants must have lived and supported themselves in the UK for two years before they can claim out-of-work benefits. Labour will reform the EU, control immigration and make our benefits system fairer.

FURY AT TORY TAX BREAK FOR MILLIONAIRES

Local people have reacted angrily to news that David Cameron has given millionaires a tax break at a time when families here are already £1,600 worse off and wages are stagnant.

Iain Mackay from Astwood Bank said "I worked for 44 years and never had a bonus or a tax break. The Conservatives never stand up for working people."

Families here can stop the Conservatives putting the wealthiest first while working people come last. Labour will reverse the Conservative tax cut for millionaires and cut tax for millions of working people instead.

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David Cameron's reorganisation has left the NHS at breaking point: in the last twelve months over a million people have waited more than four hours in A&E, and 60 per cent of patients say they've had to wait more than two days for a GP appointment. Experts are warning that hospitals are understaffed, and it is patients who are paying the price.

Dr Gilly Cooper, a GP in Redditch for 32 years said that by the time of the last election, after significant investment, the NHS was "the best ever in my experience. Now it has deteriorated to the point where it needs urgent resuscitation. I do not want to risk the NHS with five more years of a Conservative led government who do not prioritise a thriving

NHS."

People in Redditch have a choice to save our NHS. A choice between five more years of the Conservatives running hospitals into the ground and privatising care, or a Labour government that will make sure the NHS has the time to care.

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CANCER DOESN'T WAIT, SO WHY SHOULD YOU?



Labour's Parliamentary Candidate Rebecca Blake with Councillors Robin Lunn, Greg Chance and Debbie Taylor



Cancer sufferer, Mick from Winyates, has seen NHS waiting times increase.

Gas and electricity bills have already soared by £300 under David Cameron.

Millions of people are struggling to keep up with energy bills rising faster than wages but David Cameron has done nothing to stop the big energy companies putting up prices while making record profits.

Local people have a choice between rocketing energy bills under the Conservatives, or a Labour government that will stand up to the energy companies and freeze gas and electricity bills until 2017.

Labour's gas and electricity bill freeze will save the average family £120 a year. Labour will also reset the broken energy market and create a tough new regulator to stop overcharging permanently.

Only Labour will make these changes happen. Working people have a choice to make between five more years of the Conservatives letting bills rise and rise, or a freeze on gas and electricity bills with Labour.

Lives are at risk as people wait longer for key cancer tests. Under David Cameron, cancer services have been cut by a shocking £790 million in real terms.

Every second that patients wait for delayed cancer tests is a second too long. Cancer doesn't wait. The good news is that people here have the choice to change things. Labour will guarantee a cancer test within one week, along with improved cancer screening to help early diagnosis. Ed Miliband wants to ensure our NHS has the time to care - and the best cancer survival rates in Europe, which could save up to 10,000 lives a year. Local residents like Mick from Winyates (pictured above) have welcomed Labour's pledge.

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A pay rise for hardworking Britain

Labour will raise the minimum wage to £8 an hour by 2020 to make sure that hard work is matched by fair pay.

Rebecca said "The minimum wage has been held down for too long. I want to see this increase and employers working

towards paying a living wage. Instead of backing a pay rise for those on the minimum wage, the Conservatives have helped a privileged few and given millionaires a tax cut. Despite claiming that he has fixed the economy, David Cameron has left working people here £1,600 worse off.



SICK OF WAITING? IT'S GETTING HARDER TO SEE YOUR GP

The Conservatives have caused a crisis in our NHS and now 60% of people say they can't see their GP within two days.

One in four patients has to wait a week or more just to see their doctor.

David Cameron wasted £3 billion on changes to our NHS that have left it in chaos. Because the Tories put private profit before patient care, staff are overstretched

and people in Redditch are suffering. Our NHS can't afford another five years of the Conservatives.

Labour plans would see an extra 8,000 doctors and 20,000 more nurses for our NHS. Through this investment in our NHS, Labour will guarantee a GP appointment within two days, or on the same day if you need it. Just what the doctor ordered.



UKIP EXPOSED: FARAGE WANTS TO SCRAP OUR NHS

Nigel Farage was caught on tape admitting he wants to scrap our NHS and move to a US-style "insurance-based system of healthcare".

In other words, instead of a free NHS funded by taxes, Nigel Farage wants patients to foot the bill - with families paying insurance companies and facing crippling costs for vital services like maternity care and cancer treatment.

This would be a disaster for Britain. Our NHS should continue to exist to provide worldclass, free healthcare for the hardworking families that rely on it. Nigel Farage and UKIP would take a wrecking ball to free healthcare in Britain. Just like the Conservatives, UKIP want to put private profit before patient care. Labour will fight Nigel Farage's dangerous proposals for scrapping our NHS all the way.

**UKIP = MORE TORY
= THAN THE TORIES**

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Please fill out the survey below and return to me using the contact details provided

Which of Labour's plans will help you the most? (Please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Freeze on energy bills until 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs, 5,000 more home-care workers, and 3000 more midwives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in minimum wage to £8 an hour by 2020 | <input type="checkbox"/> Guaranteed GP appointment within 48 hours, or on the same day if you need it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 hours free childcare each week for working parents of 3 and 4-year olds | |

In 2010 I voted for:

Labour Conservative Other

Now I'm voting:

Labour Conservative Other

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