

Momentum NHS campaign talking points for Labour's NHS day on Saturday 26 November

1. The Tories are running our NHS into the ground:
 - One third of A&E's are facing closure
 - Half of NHS authorities are being forced to cut the number of hospital beds
 - 40% of mental health trusts had their funding cut last year
 - 3.6 million people are on waiting lists
 - Staff morale is at an all-time low due to pay cuts, attacks on our junior doctors and cuts to nursing bursaries

2. Unaccountable private companies are making profit from our health service at the taxpayers' expense. Just last week Virgin Care were awarded a £700m contract to run community health and social care services in Bath.

3. The Government is using the crisis caused by deliberate underfunding to push forward further cuts and privatisation through Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs), which have been largely kept secret and have not been approved by Parliament. The Tories know how much we love our NHS, so they're trying to force these plans through the back door. Local councils have the power to block the plans if they act now. Tell your Council to block the STP now before their 23rd December deadline.

4. The STPs are paving the way for a service run along the lines of private health insurance in the U.S. The Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, has said he wants to replace our NHS with private insurance. Doctors, nurses and GPs have all voted no confidence in Hunt to run our health service.

5. Jeremy Corbyn has pledged to renationalise the NHS, which is supported by 84% of the population. The next Labour government will bring the NHS back into public hands, as a high-quality, properly funded health service, available to all who need it.