



PUBLIC MEETING 16th June, 7.30pm Oxford Town Hall

What do YOU think about government healthcare proposals?

The campaign group 'Keep our NHS Public' believes current proposals will fundamentally change the way healthcare is delivered and are worthy of a full public debate.

We are joined by
Tony Baldry, the Conservative MP representing Banbury.
Evan Harris, ex LibDem MP for Oxford West & Abingdon.
A national speaker from 'Keep Our NHS Public'
They will speak briefly on the proposals and listen to any concerns you may wish to raise.

WHAT DO THESE PROPOSALS MEAN TO US?

NHS Oxfordshire, a public body, is currently responsible for buying almost a billion pounds worth of healthcare for local people. It is to be shut down. Local family doctors, GPs, are preparing to take over.

What will GP commissioners do? What would stop them from ditching NHS hospitals and community teams and signing up cut price providers? What if we, the public and patients, disagree with the spending decisions of local GPs – can we vote them out?

A rapidly increasing level of health resources is being spent on buying and selling services. Is the introduction of the market diverting funding from frontline healthcare?

The Oxford Radcliffe, the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre have built new facilities using the ruinously expensive Private Finance Initiative funding. One NHS reform would be to end this scheme and take back these facilities.

Do family doctors know best? Why are these changes being pushed though even though they haven't been agreed in parliament?

The NHS is at last being funded at the same level as our European neighbours. Is it the time to take it apart? Whats happening in the rest of the UK?

Case study: SOUTHERN CROSS is a private company commissioned to care for many older people in local care homes. It pays its carers barely the minimum wage. It is the largest care home provider in the country and faces bankruptcy so its sacking staff and tens of thousands of older people could be made homeless. Could this be the future for our health services if the NHS is dismembered?

Please come along and put your views. Keep Our NHS Public c/o 18a Charlbury Road, Oxford OX2 6UU