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## Save our NHS

All private contracting in the NHS must be ended. Profit has no place in our NHS. The internal market, Practice-Based Commissioning and Payment by Results must be abolished.

Local health trusts (Primary Care Trusts, hospitals, mental health and others) and social services should be merged into unified health authorities, the boards of which should be elected by local voters in open nomination, non-partisan elections and with instant recall by the petition of 10 per cent of electors.

Private care of the elderly should be brought back under the provisions of the NHS and made free once again so that all Londoners can receive a dignified, comfortable retirement.

## Support the Left Wing Programme

Britain needs a government that will:

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- ★ Impose obligatory price controls on gas, electricity, water and petrol
- ★ Exact a windfall tax on banking, gas, electricity, oil and armaments super-profits
- ★ Raise the national minimum wage and ensure equal rights and pay for women, black and young workers
- ★ Restore the link between earnings and the state pension immediately
- ★ Stop fighting imperialist wars in collusion with the USA and spend the billions saved on more council and sheltered housing at affordable rents
- ★ Scrap Trident and invest the £75 billion saved in our public services, transport and the environment
- ★ Abolish student fees and reintroduce grants for all
- ★ Cut VAT on essential goods and services
- ★ Replace council tax with a local income tax

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