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The COSMOS model petition: end and reverse NHS privatisation

We, the undersigned, note:

- that the Government's upcoming Health and Care Bill will if passed into law introduce Integrated Care Systems (ICS) to the NHS. Integrated Care Systems will ensure that England's NHS will share the responsibility of health service provision with Councils and, most worryingly, private companies. The legislation will enable ICS to restrict access to healthcare by removing the statutory "duty" of the NHS to arrange hospital medical services.
- That ICSs are modelled on US Kaiser Permanente 'managed care'. They have been operational in shadow form for some years called Accountable Care and Sustainable Transformation Plans. The name change does not signal a change of heart.
- That ICS boards will be dominated by corporate interests either through direct membership or proxy membership as NHS employees recruited from the private sector. Prime examples of revolving door appointment include Simon Stevens (UnitedHealth) and Dido Harding (McKinsey).
- That ICBs will have fixed budgets and autonomy to create 'value' and 'efficiency' i.e profit. The profit will be made through the denial of care either on ICS level (3 million population) or individual level, by design of the American healthcare for profit business model, where 30 million people are without health coverage and those with insurance still have to pay out-of-pocket deductibles or risk insurers denial of payment for illness.
- That these changes are the culmination of successive legislative change re-purposing the NHS along the American private insurance model which is simultaneously more expensive, has worse outcomes, endemically fraudulent and leads to mass preventable harm and death. Public healthcare assets and capacity continue to be reduced to allow private healthcare to expand.

We, the undersigned, believe that:

- Public funded and provided, universal comprehensive healthcare free at the point of need is an essential human right.
- The privatisation of the NHS is a threat to public health and wellbeing
- There is a moral duty for local authorities to contribute to ending and reversing NHS privatisation.

Therefore, we the undersigned demand that XXX Council:

- Use any involvement in integrated Care Systems to pursue the renationalisation of the NHS
- Use any involvement in integrated Care Systems to prevent any further privatisation of the NHS
- Never be party to, or benefit from, the sale of NHS assets and land.