

Dear Prime Minister*,

We believe that the commercialisation of our NHS must stop. Public funds are being used to create a market for commercial businesses where profit is the priority. Instead we urgently need to restore an NHS that works cooperatively as a public service for patients. This view is now held by people and organisations right across our community.

We, the undersigned, express our support for the Eight Principles adopted by the BMA and recommend them as a framework for open public debate about our future NHS.

These Principles come from health care workers determined to defend the interests of their patients, their professional standards and the social value of the NHS. They are endorsed by members of the community who want to protect the local services that they rely on and pay for. Together we send a unified and urgent message to protect and build upon the key strengths of our NHS

We support the call for an NHS which:

1. Provides **high quality**, comprehensive healthcare for all, free at the point of use
2. Is **publicly funded** through central taxes, **publicly provided** and **publicly accountable**
3. Significantly **reduces commercial involvement**
4. Uses public money for quality healthcare, **not profits for shareholders**
5. Cares for patients through **co-operation**, **not competition**
6. Is led by health professionals **working in partnership with patients** and the public
7. Seeks value for money but puts the care of **patients before financial targets**
8. Is fully committed to **training future generations** of health care professionals

*** Note: versions are to be sent to the leaders of all the main political parties.**

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