

We want to see our GP!

Problems getting to speak to, let alone see a GP in person are just one part of an assault on primary health care and the NHS in general.

HERE IS WHAT IS HAPPENING

NHS **The number of GPs is falling while patient numbers rise** making the workload for GPs unsustainable.

NHS 1 in 4 GPs know colleagues who have taken their own lives due to work pressures.

NHS Even before the pandemic Britain was lagging way behind European countries. In 2019 Portugal had 224 and Belgium 115 GPs per 100,000 people ... Britain had 69! There are now 2,200 patients for every GP.

NHS **Locally the following practices are run privately:**

Greenwich Peninsula Practice (Evergreen Solutions Ltd),
Clover Health Centre, Woolwich (Malling Health (UK) Ltd),
Thamesmead Health Centre (Centene – huge US firm).

The sole owner of the Malling Group was David Hugaly who is or was a director of Butterfly Ventures Ltd, based in the Bahamas, an offshore tax haven.

I In Lewisham Modality Partnership Ltd profits from three practices – Jenner Health Centre in Forest Hill, Bellingham Green surgery and South Lewisham Group Practice.

NHS **GP surgeries are closing:** In 2018 in Greenwich 45 practices were reduced to 32 by closures and mergers. Nationally nearly 500 surgeries have closed since 2013. Closures mean that people have to travel further to see their GP.