

Remove capital letters headline and replace with:
Patients are not dying because nurses are striking.
Nurses are striking because patients are dying

OUR NURSES, AMBULANCE WORKERS AND ALL NHS STAFF NEED OUR SUPPORT! THEY MUST WIN!

Staff shortages across the NHS are putting patients at risk! Pay and conditions will deter new nurses from training, and shortages will get worse. Wages are too low to stop health workers quitting the NHS leaving fewer staff left to care for patients.

Replace next para and insert:
There is chronic staffing in the NHS and over 130,000 unfilled posts in secondary care alone. Pay and conditions and levels of stress deter new staff from training and forces existing staff to leave.



All NHS staff have seen cuts in the real value of their wages – some nurses are up to 20% worse off than in 2010.

Privatisation especially the hated Private Finance Initiative schemes have meant that the NHS has lost 25,000 beds in the last 20 years, but the population has grown. **Privatisation** has fragmented all NHS services. The new Integrated Care Boards will introduce a US-style system of private health.

Social care is almost completely **privatised** and its cost and failures increase the work of hospitals.

In 2022 the NHS faces a **cut** in real terms of between £4billion and £9.4billion.

Many general district hospitals **have closed** which limits local services for A&E, maternity and children. Nationally nearly 500 surgeries **have closed** since 2013, and they are increasingly privatised.

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