



NHS Rally Manchester - 29th September 2013

A message from Dave Prentis, UNISON General Secretary

The situation is critical

Dear UNISON member,

Our NHS is in crisis. Despite government claims to be protecting the budget, the NHS is being starved of funds; it is being sliced up and sold off to private companies; and it is haemorrhaging staff, the lifeblood of the NHS.

That's why we need you to join the march and rally on the 29th September in Manchester to defend our NHS.

The Tories, and their Liberal Democrat sidekicks are creating a health service where patients matter less than profits and they aren't just attacking the NHS in England - they are attacking it everywhere. Now is the time for us all to step up and defend our NHS against this government.

In just the last two weeks it has been reported that

- That in A&E the staff shortage is at 'nearly 10%'
- A second hospital is being set up for franchising in the West Midlands
- The NHS has its first billion pound privatisation
- Half of all A&Es will fail to hit waiting-list targets this winter

UNISON is leading the campaign to defend the NHS against this coalition government, not only in England, but right across the UK.

**Answer the call for your NHS. Join UNISON on Sunday 29 September.
Assemble at Liverpool Road (M3 4FP) from 11am, and then march onto a rally
in Whitworth Park.**

More information including transport options go to unison.org.uk

If you use social media follow **@UNISONOurNHS** & **@UNISONtweets** and use hashtag **#nhs299** & **#nhs999** to let people know why you are marching and you love the NHS.

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