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# Scalpel!

**We reveal 320 NHS executives are earning more than PM as cuts loom**

By Buy Basnett & Kat Lay, 04/07/2010

**HUNDREDS of NHS fatcats are taking home bigger pay packets than the PRIME MINISTER, the News of the World can reveal.**

We found a sickening 320 hospital, ambulance, and health authority bosses earning more than David Cameron's £142,500 salary.

That compares to just SIX NHS chiefs who were paid more than PM John Major's £101,557 salary before Labour came to power in 1997.

The handful of high fliers 13 years ago has now increased almost 50-FOLD. What's more 58 of the current crop pocket in excess of £200,000 A YEAR.

Our investigation comes as the coalition Government prepares to take a scalpel to public sector pay in an attempt to bring Britain's debt-riddled finances back under control.

Earlier this week they listed hundreds of civil servants who earn more than the PM. The NHS was expected to escape savage cutbacks - but our shock findings prove its finances need drastic surgery.

One health authority finance chief's salary alone topped £300,000 - enough to pay for FOURTEEN extra nurses.

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Many of the highest-paid health execs also collect bonuses and perks, including leased luxury cars worth more than a nurse's £20,000 total annual pay.

Matthew Elliott, chief executive of the TaxPayers Alliance, said: "It's shocking that pay in some parts of the NHS has now reached these stratospheric new heights. It simply isn't sustainable."

Our survey of 172 acute hospital trusts, 11 ambulance trusts and the ten regional strategic health authorities, using latest available figures, discovered 734 bloated boardroom staff earned more than £100,000-a-year.

Top of our Sick List is IAN MILLER, interim finance director at NHS South-East Coast Strategic Health Authority, based in Surrey. He was paid between £305,000-£310,000 for just over nine months' work.

That's equivalent to a staggering £400k a year. Taxpayers' champion Mr Elliott said: "People like Ian Miller will have to take a pay cut." Not far behind Mr Miller came London hospitals chief exec RON KERR, of Guys and St Thomas' NHS Trust, who raked in £270,000 last year.

Other high earners included senior clinical staff who join the executive board and earn extra pay on top of their normal salaries. Prof DAVID TAUBE, medical director of prestigious Imperial College Healthcare Trust, collected between £255k and £265k.

RUTH CARNALL, boss of the capital's strategic health authority NHS London, got up to £260,000.

While Sir ROBERT NAYLOR, chief executive of University College London Hospital's Foundation Trust, was on a £250k-£255k pay band.

1	<b>Ian Miller</b> Interim Director of Finance and Investment South East Coast Strategic Health Authority	£305k-£310k (for 9.3 months, 1 April-9 Jan)
2	<b>Ron Kerr</b> Chief Exec, Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	£270k
3	<b>Prof David Taube</b> Medical Director, Imperial College Healthcare Trust	£255k-£265k
4	<b>Ruth Carnall</b> Chief Executive, NHS London Strategic Health Authority	£255k-£260k
5	<b>Sir Robert Naylor</b> Chief Exec, Uni College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	£250k-£255k
6	<b>Jan Filochowski</b> Chief Exec, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust	£246k
7	<b>Prof Timothy Evans</b> Medical Director, Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Trust	£240k-£250k
8	<b>Dr Danielle Freedman</b> Med Director, Luton & Dunstable Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	£235k-£245k
9	<b>Dr Robin Graham-Brown</b> Director of Services for Older People, Uni Hosps of Leeds NHS Trust	£235k-£245k
10	<b>Sir Neil McKay</b> Chief Exec, NHS East of England Strategic Health Authority	£235k-£240k
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12	<b>Dr Clive Kay</b> Medical Director, Bradford Teaching Hosps NHS Foundation Trust	£230k-£240k
13	<b>Graeme Zaki</b> Medical Director, Portsmouth NHS Trust	£230k-£240k
14	<b>Anthony Marsh</b> Chief Exec, West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	£227k-£232k
15	<b>Dr David Scott</b> Medical Director, East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust	£225k-£235k
16	<b>Sir Len Fenwick</b> Chief Exec, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hosps NHS Foundation Trust	£225k-£230k
17	<b>David Dalton</b> Chief Exec, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust	£225k-£230k
18	<b>Dr Edward Baker</b> Medical Director, Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	£225k
19	<b>Bill Cunliffe</b> Medical Director, Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust	£221k-£231k
20	<b>Bob Pearson</b> Medical Director, Central Manchester University Hospitals	£215k-£235k
	<b>David Cameron</b> Prime Minister	£142k



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England's highest paid ambulance service boss was West Midlands chief ANTHONY MARSH. He got between £227k and £232k - more than 14 times the salary of some ambulance drivers.

Even badly performing trusts have been paying out huge sums. MARTIN YEATES, ex-boss of Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust which runs disgraced Stafford Hospital - where 400 deaths were linked to appalling care - was earning £155k-£160k a year before he left.

Last night NHS South-East Coast defended Mr Miller's salary, saying he had helped turn a £42.7m deficit in 2006/07 to a surplus of £111m in 2008/09.

The Department of Health said the Government was "committed to cutting management costs in the NHS" and planned to reduce them by 46 per cent by 2013/14.

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Apart from paying Ian Miller at the rate of £400,000 pa to do his job NHS are also paying leading accountants Price Waterhouse fees to assist him in doing his job ! Hopefully the coalition government will put a stop to this nonsense !

By Ken Jones.. Posted July 4 2010 at 7:59 PM.

In order to attract and keep the best people working in UK, we need to pay high wages to these. I am sure that if David Cameron had wanted to earn the same level of pay as these top earners, he would have gone down a different career path. However, as PM his priorities are to ensure that we have the best people working for us whilst he sacrifices his earnings to make this happen. Undoubtedly, when he sells his memoirs at the end of his reign, he too will make enough money to eclipse anybody on this list as previous PMs have also done. We can't begrudge a doctor at the top of his or her field the chance to earn good money in UK or they will go abroad to earn the same amount, if not more. When a Premiership footballer earns in a fortnight what our top health professionals earn in a year, that is a problem. We live in a free market economy where people can earn whatever they can get.

By Neil.. Posted July 4 2010 at 6:01 PM.

we have allways had fat cats and quangoes living of the backs of others most are not even qualified to do their job like the fatcat at stafford hospital 400 deaths he while collecting his 160,000 should be tried for manslaughter. salleries should have ceilings and set by the communities they serve

By r watts.. Posted July 4 2010 at 3:59 PM.

I, ll do it for 70k.

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By Alun Burnell.. Posted July 4 2010 at 12:47 PM.

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And people used to think the Labour government was for the working class, and this is only the NHS, Thank Christ I am a tax dodger, I used to feel a little guilty about it, not no more. Talk about a country heading down the toilet, someone will have to explain to me how one of the worlds most powerful economical countries gets flushed down the toilet by its own politicians voted for by its own people, and still you needed a coalition government to rule, there are a lot more hard times ahead for the working Brit, how sad to see what Great Britain has become.

By hammerharry.. Posted July 4 2010 at 9:20 AM.

Mmmmm and what about high earning BBC so called stars and executives earning millions, when will these excess wages stop at the publics expense!!!! We should have freedom of chioce.

By Donna.. Posted July 4 2010 at 9:02 AM.

aND THE NURSES JUST GET "£20-25 000, THIER BOSSES £200-250 000- someone belives the manager are the most valuable assest. Not me!

£60-90k for a manager end of

By millie.. Posted July 4 2010 at 7:26 AM.

every single public sector worker earning more than the Prime Minister should be forced to have a 50% pay cut as they dont deserve to be paid that much, and if they moan about it sack them as there only in it for the money and re-advertise the job as someone will take it for £120k a year

By rick.. Posted July 4 2010 at 7:39 AM.

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