

STOP THE PRIVATISATION OF OUR LOCAL NHS

DID YOU KNOW THAT GREENWICH NHS HAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT
FOR THE MUSCULOSKELETAL (MSK) SERVICE TO A PRIVATE OFFSHORE
COMPANY CIRCLE HOLDINGS PLC, REGISTERED IN JERSEY?

FIND OUT MORE

PUBLIC MEETING THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2016
7.30 pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BLACKHEATH
BLACKHEATH VALE SE3

SPEAKERS

Dr Youseff El-Gingihy GP, author of *How to Dismantle the NHS*, writes for the
Independent, on TV and radio

Dr Rishi Dhir, speciality orthopaedics

Danielle Tiplady, nurse and found of #BursaryorBust campaign

BUSES 54, 89, 108, 202, 380, 386
TRAINS TO BLACKHEATH

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and the Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign

SOME FACTS ABOUT CIRCLE HOLDINGS PLC

WALKED AWAY FROM A TEN-YEAR CONTRACT AT HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL AFTER THREE YEARS AND A DAMNING REPORT FROM THE CARE QUALITY COMMISSION, WHICH BRANDED THEM "INADEQUATE"

17 November 2014 - Bedford refuses to sign Circle plc musculoskeletal contract

An article in the health Service Journal on 7 November 2014, reported that within months of the contract being awarded to Circle, Bedford Hospital NHS Trust had seen a 30 per cent reduction in MSK referrals.

The article stated: *"The trust chief executive (for Bedford Hospital NHS Trust) said there was now a risk its income from MSK would no longer support its consultant surgeons. The trust claims the service's arrangement 'endangers the viability' of its trauma and accident and emergency services and could undermine its capacity to retain the seven trauma surgeons it employs."*

In Nottingham a contract for Dermatology awarded to Circle plc and not to Nottingham University Hospital which was already providing "AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE". Eight out of the eleven dermatology consultants, resigned as they were not prepared to work with Circle. This affected patient care including children, and cancer care, and the service has now collapsed.

THE GREENWICH CONTRACT IS FOR CIRCLE PLC TO BE THE PRIME CONTRACTOR WHO WILL SUB CONTRACT TO OTHER PROVIDERS PROVIDING THE SERVICE.

DO WE WANT OUR HEALTH SERVICE RUN LIKE OUR RAILWAYS?

Circle plc is a private company, and their first priority is to make a profit for their shareholders. It will affect our local health economy and training of our future Orthopaedic Consultants, and could put our local Lewisham & Greenwich Hospital Trust sustainability at risk.

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