

Lord Patel

Chair of the Lord's Committee into the long-term financial sustainability of the NHS

House of Lords
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Dear Lord Patel

The Lord's Committee reviewing the Long-term financial sustainability of the NHS is due to report on 31 March 2017.

On 18 October 2016 submissions to the committee were published which included a number of appeals for the committee to consider a return to a publicly provided NHS as the most efficient and effective service possible.

I am disappointed to note that no oral evidence has been called for to support these submissions.

As a member of the public, I insist that your committee demonstrates that they have given full and proper consideration to the restoration of a publicly owned, publicly provided, publicly accountable and publicly funded NHS when they produce their report.

I therefore demand that the Lords Committee

- confirms that their primary objective is to maintain the NHS as a comprehensive, universal, accessible, high quality, equitable service
- evaluates the future of the NHS within an evidence based framework which includes a full publicly provided service as a substantive option
- considers that issues of sustainability, defined as providing a service within set financial constraints, are best addressed by public ownership and provision with full public funding
- considers that the costs of marketisation, privatisation and competition within the NHS are a barrier to maintaining efficiency, integration and cost control within a public service

If the above are not taken into consideration the public will have every right to consider your commission has betrayed their interest.

Yours sincerely

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