

GMB backs move to scrap NHS privatisation law



Union has long campaigned to repeal controversial Section 75 and reverse tide of health service outsourcing

GMB, the union for health service workers, has backed a move by NHS bosses to repeal key parts of the 2012 Health and Social Care Act 2012 and public contracts rules.

The union, which is running the Go Public campaign to reverse privatisation and outsourcing, urged Ministers to take forward the new NHS England proposal, which would see large parts of the damaging shake-up undertaken by the Coalition Government unwound and dismantled.



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GMB has long campaigned to repeal the controversial Section 75 of the 2012 Health and Social Care Act, which has led to a £10.5 billion explosion in private health contracts.

Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary for Public Services, said:

"GMB has campaigned for the repeal of Section 75 since its introduction.

"We will look closely at the detail of this proposal but in principle this announcement is both welcome and long overdue.

"Privatisation is demoralising the NHS's workforce and undermining standards of care.

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"It’s time for Ministers to listen to the NHS’s workers and managers and end the outsourcing and privatisation of our NHS.

"GMB will continue to fight to restore the NHS as the preferred provider and we will fully participate in NHS England's consultation."

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