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UNISON's Vision for the NHS

The NHS is Britain's most popular institution. For more than 60 years it has looked after us all, rich and poor, from the cradle to the grave. UNISON is speaking up for the NHS and campaigning under the banner of 'Our NHS Our Future' to protect it from the threat of being privatised and fragmented.

Our ten Vision principles for the NHS are:

1. The NHS remains a free, comprehensive, public service, funded by taxation rather than health insurance or 'top-ups'
2. Access to the NHS continues to depend on need, not the ability to pay
3. Improvements in the quality and responsiveness of services are achieved through a continuing process of engagement in partnership with service users, staff and trade unions
4. NHS staff are valued and supported in their work
5. Determining pay, terms and conditions for NHS staff continues to be a UK-wide activity
6. The NHS is accountable, both locally and to Parliament
7. Equality is fully and effectively embedded in the delivery of healthcare provision
8. NHS organisations will work collaboratively across geographical areas to help deliver specialist services and with social care, to ensure services are shaped around the needs of users and carers
9. Patients will receive locally based high quality care that conforms to national standards
10. Quality and efficiency is delivered through public health care provision rather than competition between private providers.

These Vision principles sit at the heart of UNISON's campaign to protect the NHS. Help us to protect the NHS that we know and love. Join UNISON and give your support to the Our NHS Our Future campaign.