



The contract for the Patient Transport Services of South Yorkshire is out to tender and the service is threatened with privatisation. This is the NHS service that takes people to and from hospital for their outpatient appointments. UNISON thinks privatisation will mean a worse service for patients and threaten the jobs of nearly 200 people.

Save South Yorkshire Patient Transport from Privatisation. Keep the Service in the NHS!

Why are we Against Privatisation?

1 NHS Services should not be run for profit. We want the NHS publicly funded, owned and provided.

Private companies provide services to make profit. If the profit dries up or the contract is difficult to fulfill they may pull out or not provide parts of an essential service.

2 The ambulance drivers in the NHS have years of providing quality care. They have additional training in first aid and health and safety to ensure the best service to the public. They go out of their way everyday to provide not just transport but care, spending time settling people into their homes and ensuring they are safe. This can get squeezed out in a profit driven service.

What Can you do to Help?

- Sign our petition
- Tell your friends and family
- Contact your local Councillor or MP
- Write to your local paper

3 Privatisation may threaten the quality jobs of nearly 200 staff—workers pay, pensions, conditions and carer prospects. Well supported staff = a good quality service. Attacks on jobs are bad for the workers in the service but is also a loss of quality jobs to the area and community.

4 The NHS is able to provide services to all different types of patients whatever their condition, mobility or destination. It provides a one service for all hospitals and patients. Privatisation to different companies brings confusion and fragmentation for everyone. PTS also helps the A&E services in major emergencies.

Public services are committed to care of the public.

**We want the Clinical Commissioning Groups of South Yorkshire to support a publicly run and owned Patient Transport Service.
Oppose NHS Privatisation!
Protect Jobs and pensions!**