Here are 8 things you can do in the Lambeth area to save the NHS in the next few weeks:

1) **Wednesday 29th June. 12 noon cut off. Submission of contributions to amendments to the Health & Social Care Bill. KONP is looking to kill the bill, not amend it, however every action we can take to hit the Bill and every avenue we can use must be followed as part of the campaign.**

   See guidelines for submission of contributions to amendments at on page 2 of this document.

2) **Thursday 30th June. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Windrush Square, Brixton.** Join Lambeth KONP in Windrush Square, central Brixton on Thursday 30th June where the strike rally of NUT, ATL and PCS public sector workers will take place. Lambeth KONP will be raising the spectre of privatisation of the NHS, building the local group and critically building for the NHS 63rd birthday anti privatisation demonstration in central London – which has been backed by Unite, the union. ANY amount of time you can spare to hand out leaflets, petition and provide a presence will be greatly appreciated.

   Call Paul on 07958299971 if you can help out with the above action.

3) **Thursday 30th June 10:45 a.m. Lincoln’s Inn Fields, central London.** Join the health worker contingent on the strike day central London march to build for the NHS 63rd birthday anti privatisation demonstration. The plan is to leaflet the entire strike march with details of the NHS demo as the strike march leaves the assembly point. Look out for Health Worker Network / KONP banners. The health workers will assemble at the point where the strike march is due to depart in order to leaflet the entire demonstration.

   Simply turn up and help out if you can with the above action.

4) **Thursday 30th June Streatham Labour Party NHS Meeting at 8 p.m.** Woodlawns Streatham Darby & Joan Club, 16 Leigham Court Road, SW16 2PJ. Join other Lambeth KONP activists at the meeting to raise the profile of Lambeth KONP, ask pertinent questions and build the NHS campaign – or simply come and support the strength of feeling for the NHS.

5) **Friday 1st July 11 a.m. & Monday 4th July 7 p.m. Meeting point junction Lollard Street and Kenington Road.** Join Lambeth Defend Council Housing leafleting against stock transfer to the private sector - **where they will also deliver the Unite flyers for the July 5th NHS 63rd Birthday NHS anti privatisation demo.**

   Call Stephen on 07944293854 if you can help out with the above action.

6) **Friday 1st July & Monday 4th July. Times TBC. Unite the union building the NHS 63rd Birthday anti privatisation demo.** Unite the union are looking to leaflet several hospitals to build the demonstration for the NHS on 5th July.

   Call or e-mail Frank Wood if you can help with the above action.

7) **Tuesday 5th July, assemble 5:30 p.m. for 6 p.m. march from The Strand / Savoy Street, central London for NHS 63rd Birthday anti privatisation march to the Department of Health.** This demonstration has been backed by Unite, the union and Keep Our NHS Public among other bodies. Tens of thousands of leaflets have been printed to build this demo. **Let’s turn out in force to save the NHS from privatisation on this day – rally at Old Palace Yard, opposite Parliament from 6:30 p.m..**

   Call [Lewisham KONP](tel:07413222547) (Lambeth KONP mobile number is not yet operational) if you have any queries or e-mail lambethkonp@gmail.com.

8) **Tuesday 19th July, 7 p.m. Next Lambeth KONP organising meeting upstairs @ La Cabana restaurant, Brixton Village, Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8PR.** Contact lambethkonp@gmail.com or call [Lewisham KONP](tel:07413222547) on 07413 225247 if you have any queries – Lambeth KONP’s mobile phone number is not operational yet.
Evidence from [your name] [your profession if you wish / concerned member of the public / health service user etc].

Date

1. I submit this evidence as ....[add a few relevant details about you plus a very quick summary of what you have done in to oppose the Bill and why].

2. It is my understanding that the government proposes to change the wording of those parts of the Bill - sections 1, sections 2 and sections 3[1] - that ensure the Secretary of State for Health not only has a duty to promote but also to provide or secure general and listed health services in England.

3. The government asserts that the change in wording will not alter the duty on the State to both promote and provide general and specific health services in England.

4. If the duty to provide health services is not, in essence, being changed in any fundamental way there is no case for altering the wording of the 2006 NHS Act in this respect.

5. There is however a case against changing it. If amendments are made to these sections, the whole Bill needs to be fully re-examined in light of the amended clauses in order to confirm that the Bill does not change the duty on the State to provide health services. However, sufficient time has not been allowed to undertake adequate legal scrutiny of the Bill as a whole.

6. In the absence of adequate legal scrutiny, Parliament and the electorate simply do not know what the proposed amendments – and the new Bill as a whole - will mean in practice.

7. I am therefore writing as a member of the electorate to make clear that I strongly oppose any change to the wording of sections 1, 2 and 3[1] of the 2006 NHS Act.

In summary:
The current legal framework enshrines the founding principles of the NHS, ensuring that it remains publicly provided and accountable, comprehensive, universal, equitable, funded by taxes and free at the point of delivery. The duty on the Secretary of State for Health to provide as well as promote both general and listed services is the lynchpin in this legal framework. The most convincing legal evidence to date has been that this Bill removes the duty to provide health services. The government must allow adequate time for proper scrutiny of the amended Bill, in its entirety, to ensure it no longer abolishes either the general duty on the Secretary of State to provide or secure provision of health services in England or the specific duty to provide listed services. Until that time, no change should be made to sections 1, 2 and 3[1] of the 2006 NHS Act. Only this will ensure the State retains its duty to provide or secure as well as to promote comprehensive health services in the England. Given that the government says there is no intention to remove the duty to provide services, no amendment to the 2006 NHS Act should be necessary.