



GMB back Labour plan to block NHS privatisation

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GMB, the union for health workers, has backed a Labour pledge to block private companies from securing NHS contracts.

The party is today calling on the Health Secretary to block private companies from securing 26 NHS contracts worth over £128 million that are currently out to tender.

Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

“GMB is 100% committed to ending any further outsourcing and privatisation in our NHS.

“Half of all GMB members working in the health service are seriously worried about privatisation and we firmly believe that privatisation is no way to raise standards of care.

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“Privatisation is already rampant in our NHS; 42 wholly owned subsidiary companies have been ‘spun off’ by trusts in recent years.



“That means our members are already experiencing a two tier workforce, with private companies employing staff on worse terms, undermining the agenda for change and with no access to the NHS pension scheme.

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