



## Must we bring our own sheets?

The Tory government wants private firms to take over hospital laundry work. Even — as in Cornwall and Calderdale — where the contractor is more expensive.

This should be no surprise. The Tory Party is the party of big business; they want your health service to be their business.

There are drawbacks. Private laundries won't take badly soiled linen. In Cheltenham, Sunlight laundries failed to

meet standards for 73% of sheets and 84% of pillowcases. In Croydon, Advance laundry has persistently returned items stained, unironed, damp or damaged.

The Tories aren't too worried. They can stay in their £170 a day private hospitals, and tell geriatric patients, the handicapped, invalid and incontinent to keep their own sheets clean, while private laundries simply clean up the profits.

There is a better answer: keep the contractors out of the NHS and reverse the present spending cuts. Then patients could rest easy — in clean sheets.

## SAY NO TO NHS PRIVATISATION!

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