

# WAKE UP STOCKPORT!

## There is a **NHS** crisis And it is deliberate!

As ambulances back up, medical staff are at breaking point and people die, the government is sitting back knowing that they already have a plan for our NHS.

It's a classic plan, defund, make people angry, then offer up **PRIVATISATION!**

The NHS and Social Care will be replaced by **ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANISATIONS**

One of these is being planned in Stockport, it is called Stockport Together and one day it could belong to somebody like Richard Branson.

**In 2017, VIRGIN sued the NHS over a Child Care Contract in Surrey**



**DO YOU WANT  
PRIVATE COMPANIES  
LIKE VIRGIN CARE  
(WHO DO NOT PAY  
THEIR TAXES IN  
THE UK) TO PROFIT  
FROM YOUR  
ILL HEALTH?**

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**999 CALL FOR THE NHS**

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**The government and NHS England are proceeding with plans to turn local NHS bodies into Accountable Care Organisations (ACOs).** These are based on the American model of healthcare and have many similarities. The plans are for the first ones to start operating in April 2018.

**ACOs** will be given the money for your care as an insurance premium, and will pay out only for certain treatments - like an insurance company.

**ACOs** will in many cases be handed over to actual insurance companies and other private firms like Virgin Care

**ACOs** will be able to decide what care is free and what they can charge patients for.

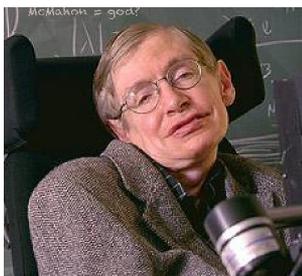
**ACOs** will be paid more if they 'save' money (i.e. spend less money on front-line services).

**ACOs** will be subject to commercial rules and will hide behind the veil of 'corporate confidentiality'.

**ACOs** are not recognised in any Act of Parliament and as such have no legal basis.

**ACOs** will mark the end to the NHS as a comprehensive health service that provides healthcare to us all, based on our clinical needs.

**Professor Stephen Hawking** is so worried that he is involved in a judicial review to try to stop the government from introducing legislation to allow **ACOs** without it even being debated in Parliament. He said "They (**ACOs**) have not been passed in parliament and they appear to be being used for reducing public expenditure, for cutting services and for allowing private companies to receive and benefit from significant sums of public money for organising and providing services"... "I want the attention of the people of England to be drawn to what is happening and for those who are entrusted with responsibility for the NHS to account openly for themselves in public and to be judged accordingly."



**TELL YOUR MP OR LOCAL COUNCILLOR THAT YOU DO NOT WANT THE NHS TO BECOME A COPY OF THE US MEDICARE SYSTEM, A PUBLICLY FUNDED, INSURANCE BASED SYSTEM THAT BUYS CARE FROM PRIVATE HEALTH COMPANIES FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE.**

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