

KEY PRIVATISATION FACTS



One-third of NHS hip operations, a quarter of cataract operations are performed in private hospitals, and around 6% of NHS surgery overall - although this is expected to rise once the new four-year NHS deal with private hospitals is signed.

Before the pandemic the biggest contract to a single provider was for **£1.06 billion** awarded to Sirona, a community interest company for adult community health services in the Bristol, N Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

Locally commissioners spend around **15%** on average with the largest spenders allocating up to **26%** - source CCG accounts for 2019/20

National official figures state that 11% of the NHS budget goes to non NHS providers, but this is disputed as an underestimate.



By mid January 2021, the UK government had awarded **£21.6 bn** worth of contracts related to the coronavirus crisis to private companies.



76 per cent of the public want to see the NHS "reinstated as a fully public service" against just **15 per cent** who wanted to see continued involvement of private companies.

The NHS has **12,000** intensive care beds for the sickest patients and in case of emergencies but according to Laing and Buisson, private hospitals have only **102** ITU beds. There are approx 2,500 emergency transfers from private hospitals to the NHS annually.

In **mental health** care, the NHS often outsources the care of NHS patients - 30% of hospitals are privately run and **44% of health funding** for the care of children goes to private companies - up 27% in five years.



The NHS urgently needs significant new investment in its workforce - it has half the EU average in graduating nurses, which undermined the covid response - the expansion in outsourcing has coincided with NHS underfunding.