



Socialist
Health
Association

The SHA is a campaigning socialist society, originally set up in 1930. We, like many unions, are affiliated to Labour.

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We strongly back workers in organising and campaigning for good wages and conditions. We recognise that deep-seated inequality leads to ill health and premature death. These issues can only be resolved through effective collective action and politics.

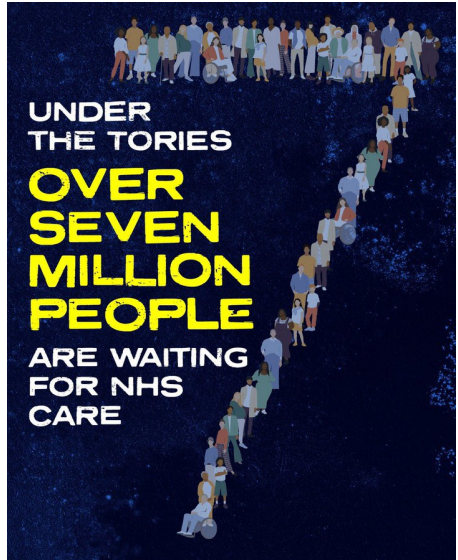
Governments since Margaret Thatcher have banned solidarity action. Today the only way health workers and others can defend their pay and conditions is through taking industrial action themselves. Without such action, public services will wither and collapse through ever increasing staff shortages. There is **no** contradiction between campaigning for good pay and working conditions and patient safety, they are two sides of the same coin.



SHA Greater Manchester with ambulance staff

Working people are **not** the source of inflation. They are trying to feed their families, heat their homes and keep up with spiralling costs. The cost of letting workers catch up has been hugely exaggerated by the government since much of the pay will be returned to the national budget through taxes and economic activity.

Working people did **not** cause the record waiting lists for health care - years of Tory cuts , expensive health care markets and privatisation



led to worse services and hugely increased costs. More than a decade of government failure to plan, recruit, train and support young workers has added to these dire results.

The crisis in social care which prevents hospitals from discharging patients was **not** caused by workers but by the privatisation of services provided by local social services.

Incompetent preparation, corrupt deals for useless PPE during the height of the pandemic have drained public resources; **not** workers.

Metro Mayor Jamie Driscoll - local government is key in public health provision.



The Socialist Health Association was set up to “promote health and well-being and the eradication of inequalities through the application of socialist principles to society and government”.



The SHA motion calling for a Labour government to reinstate the NHS and shun corporate lobbyists wins unanimous support. Moved by Dr Coral Jones, a Doctors in Unite activist.

We have representation at many levels of the Labour Party, links with unions, councillors, constituency parties and MPs. We also work collectively with health campaigns and recognise the importance of internationalism; disease recognises no national boundaries and people fleeing war, poverty and environmental crises must be supported.



With Labour MPs supporting Liverpool dockers.



SHA fringe meeting at conference. Richard Burgon MP, Andrea Egan president UNISON (pc) & Jabu Nala-Hartley Oxford councillor.

The SHA recognises the huge impact of social injustice on health. Historically the SHA helped guide the Labour Party's decision to set up the NHS on the 5th July 1948. Since the NHS was born it has been a target for powerful commercial interests which inevitably place shareholder interests above those of the population.

We believe the labour movement should make no concession to corporate lobbying and needs

to defend a publicly funded and provided service. We need to extend these principles to social care.



SHA members join picket lines in Worthing.

The SHA is organised into a number of branches in England, Scotland and Wales and our Welsh and Scottish organisations relate to their Senedd and Parliament as appropriate. This provides valuable insight in resolving health issues practically.



SHA Cymru backs nurses (Neath - Port Talbot).

You do not need to be a member of the Labour Party to join the SHA. We view ourselves as critical friends of Labour.

Membership of the SHA costs £25 a year if you earn above the real living wage; £10 if less or if industrial disputes impact on your wages.



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