



## No Privatisation

The NHS was created to preserve the health of the people. The NHS should not be subject to the principles of a free market. There is no place for profiteering in our health service.

Plaid Cymru rejects the marketisation and privatisation of the NHS and will oppose any moves in that direction from governments in Westminster and Wales, particularly if it affects the funding of the NHS in Wales. We strongly oppose the inclusion of the NHS within the EU-US free trade deal, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

## Improving staffing

Currently, Wales has fewer doctors per head than almost every other country in the European Union and fewer than any other country in the UK. To allow us to cut waiting times for hospital operations and help patients can get faster GP appointments at convenient times, Plaid Cymru will train and recruit 1,000 additional doctors to work in the Welsh NHS, increasing our doctors per head of population to the UK average.

A national workforce plan will be developed to ensure that there are sufficient healthcare staff in all parts of Wales. We will increase the number of district and community nurses to support people outside of hospital.

We will focus on providing training here in Wales for more doctors, paramedics, nurses and other professional healthcare workers, so that they can contribute to the Welsh NHS and ensure safer staffing levels. This will include a focus on ensuring sufficient Welsh speaking healthcare professionals and social workers to meet the needs of a bilingual society.

So that more ambulances are available for dispatch and able to release patients into A&E without undue delays, we will increase resources for ambulances and staffing and ensure that there is sufficient emergency care available, including advanced practitioners such as nurses and paramedics, to treat people at the scene.