



Who would you prefer to run hospital kitchens?

The government think hospital catering should be done by private firms. Hospital managements don't seem to agree. Despite massive pressure to award contracts to outside caterers, no health authority has yet done so.

The reason is obvious. Instead of a department wholly controlled by the hospital and its management, catering would become an independent business carried on in hospital premises. Nothing that is not specified in advance in the contract need be provided — regardless of

the requirements of patient care. Instead of a balanced diet for patients, the main criterion would be the contractors' balance sheets.

But if privatisation is rejected as unacceptable, then health authorities must also be told to reject cuts in staffing and cash restrictions on in-house catering which could have the same consequences. Keep out the contractors and roll back the cuts in the NHS!

Don't let the Tories make your health service into their business!

SAY NO TO NHS PRIVATISATION!

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