

Summary of workshop BRINGING SOCIAL CARE/SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

KEY IDEAS:

1. Understand the finance
 - a. The profit returns
 - b. The business model for residential AND homecare
 - c. How insourcing can be a cheaper option
 - d. nef and CHPI have information on this
2. Persuade Labour
 - a. Agree a narrative to include Universality + Localism
 - b. Take up Eleanor Smith's offer of a meeting in HOC
 - c. Then go with many MPs to Keeley
 - d. Engage the TUC
3. Explore current alternatives
 - a. Hammersmith offers free personal care
 - b. Scotland's approach and its subsequent problems
 - c. Examples of insourcing
 - d. Nef's work
 - e. Australia
 - f. Gradually increase standards for SC provision until the private sector cannot make profits and withdraws.
 - g. Wholly owned worker coops
4. Develop a social care Bill, similar to (and possibly linked to) The NHS Reinstatement Bill
5. A public information campaign
 - a. The profits the companies make
 - b. Social Care/Support is not universal and is not free. It is not like the NHS
6. Other thoughts:
 - a. Campaign by targeting the corporations
 - b. Understand what is happening where, locally, in SC depts
 - c. Holistic, X-sector policy change: has to include housing, for instance
 - d. Support TUs to fight takeover of some SC services by the voluntary sector.
 - e. The stat requirement on LAs to provide minimum SC should work in our favour
 - f.