

**What sort of person it is that wants to transfer good hearted people, out of the NHS, into a dinkey-do, limited liability, VAT tax-dodge company.**

What kind of person says; people will be better-off but knowing full well, terms and conditions will have to be identical and new comers will be second class colleagues. Cover up; they will be part of the NHS but not in it. Claim they can 'do more' when they're already doing all they can.

**What sort of duffer-director can seriously claim this is anything but a fiddle to balance the books.**

Here's an example from one Trust and their ludicrous reasons. The red bits are mine:

Rising demand for NHS services costs us more and more money... to manage, (They confuse 'costs' with funding. Newco wont change that. It will shift costs and most likely increase them)

... we have to look at how best to organise our services to be as efficient as possible. (NewCo will add a layer of governance, a management interface and increased operating costs)

By moving some ... services into a separate company it means [they]... will be able to work together more efficiently, (They can't, now? Then they're poorly managed)

... run their own budgets (They run departmental budgets now),

make their own decisions (the same managers will make the decisions they do now) ...

... bid for contracts that they could not bid for if they were... part of the NHS (There's nothing to stop an FT bidding for contracts now. For NewCo, to successfully bid for a decent size contract, the Trust will have to offer a performance guarantee)...

they can grow the business... help to support our frontline services... (Oh really! Over what time-frame?)