

## Motions to the SRM 2011 from the North East Regional Council

1. That this meeting strongly believes enforcing competition risks is damaging the health service and is concerned that:

(a) forcing GP Commissioning consortia to tender contracts out to any willing provider will enable commercial companies to enter the market to chase the most profitable contracts;

(b) commercial companies will use their size to undercut on price which could damage local services;

(c) commissioning consortia will not be free to choose the provider offering the best quality and service, without fear of a legal challenge; and

(d) will undermine the provision of integrated local services leading to greater inequity in service provision.

2. That this meeting is seriously concerned at:

(a) the sheer scale, upheaval and speed of the NHS reforms; and

(b) the unprecedented magnitude of proposed NHS financial savings.

3. That this meeting believes price competition is a hugely retrograde step and that,

(a) price competition in healthcare is damaging; and

(b) with scarce resources there is a very serious danger that the prime focus will be on cost and not quality.

4. That this meeting believes:

(a) that NHS Trusts need sufficient time to achieve foundation status;

(b) that forcing all NHS trusts to achieve foundation status before they are competent will impact negatively on patient care; and

(c) too great an emphasis placed on trusts' financial stability will be at the expense of patient care.

5. That this meeting believes:

(a) that medical training, education and NHS terms and conditions must remain standardised nationwide;

(b) that national cohesion and consistency in training and education ensures all medical graduates are trained to the same high standard; and

(c) that the proposed market environment will be so under-regulated that unpredictable service failures will occur (as has been the case in the banking industry).

6. That this meeting believes:

(a) that the mutually reinforcing market based policies enshrined within the Health and Social Care Bill are ideologically driven and will undermine the

founding principles of the NHS leading to increasing fragmentation and privatisation of the English NHS; and

(b) since these market based policies are the fundamental pillars of the Bill and its objectives, we call upon the BMA to oppose the Bill in its entirety.

7. That this meeting believes that medical terms and conditions of service should remain standardised nationwide in order to protect the interests of the NHS.

8. That this meeting believes that inadequate attention has been given to retaining the limited public health workforce.

9. This meeting believes that the government's public health policy does not adequately recognise the importance of medical public health consultants' input to local and national health services commissioning arrangements.

### **Motion to the SRM 2011 from the Oxford Regional Council**

That this meeting believes that the enormous and probably irreversible changes set out in the Health and Social Care Bill do not have the informed consent of the people of this country for their implementation, as the views of the electorate were not sought at the time of the General Election, and that the government should halt all work on the Bill, pending the outcome of a referendum on this issue of significant national importance