

Save the NHS March, London 3rd February 2018

The NHS Winter Crisis is now a year round crisis. It has brought staff to their knees while patients languish in overcrowded waiting rooms, hospital corridors and parked ambulances.

February 3rd was a day of national protest by health workers and NHS supporters demanding adequate funding and an end to privatisation.

The London demonstration was organised at short notice by Health Campaigns Together (HCT) and the People's Assembly. Tens of thousands took part, including some Unite Nottinghamshire Health branch members. **Meanwhile other members and NHS campaigners took part in a local protest at the Brian Clough statue in Nottingham city centre.**

Marchers in London heard Unite National Officer for Health Sarah Carpenter call for the immediate reintroduction of student bursaries. A message of support to the rally from General Secretary Len McCluskey was read out.

Huge anger has built up after a decade of workers' shrinking living standards and Tory austerity. Unite Nottinghamshire Health branch calls for the trade unions to organise an urgent national demonstration to defend the NHS.

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