

## Why is this an appropriate way to run our NHS? What is the Special Purpose? Secret Privatisation?

The UN [says](#) the creation of a Special Purpose/Project Vehicle (SPV) is a key feature of most Public Private Partnerships. All contractual agreements between the various parties are negotiated between themselves and the SPV.

I wonder how this sits with the NHS Confederation's [statement](#) (p16) that STPs are a way to bring a lot of private money into the NHS via Local Economic Partnerships and that by the end of 2020/21 private money would match public money in the NHS.

The Autumn 2015 Comprehensive Spending Review, which announced the extra Sustainability and Transformation funding, committed the government to encouraging long term partnerships with the private sector in the development of Accountable Care Organisations and hospital groups and acute care collaborations.

The NHS Confederation is now pushing hard on its [claim](#) that private sector money is going to save the NHS

Of course they ignore the growing slew of privatisation gone wrong, where patient care and staff have suffered badly at the hands of private and third sector health companies; and where private providers have just walked away when they realise they can't make a profit and provide the necessary care.

There are many examples [here](#).

But the privatisation stakes are upped hugely by NHS England's plan to use funding through STPs to convert 50% of the NHS in England to systems similar to the Northumberland Accountable Care Organisation by 2020 ([Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Executive Report – Current Issues, October 2016](#)).

## Accountable Care Organisations in the NHS seem to be of dubious legality

PA Consulting [states](#) that

*“Legislative change is required, to enable the creation of genuine Accountable Care Organisations (ACOs); enabling behavioural and structural change as well as relocation of funding.”*

Andrew Cash, chief executive of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals FT and leader of the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Sustainability and Transformation Plan – which also plans to set up an Accountable Care Organisation in 2017 – [also says](#) that regulatory change is needed, since Accountable Care Organisations and footprint-wide financial controls (that will allow funding to switch between organisations), go against current NHS legislation.

But the government isn't talking about legislating for these changes.

Are we going to sit by and let a load of bandits make off with our valuable NHS?

## **Back in the USA – things have never been worse for patients**

Linda Peeno, whistle blower for the US ‘managed care model’, [said](#) in 2009:

“Things have never been worse for patients. The corporate machines are well-developed and expertly operational. The methods are more insidious, covert and devious. In addition to outright denials of care, new tactics proliferate to avoid, delay, limit, substitute, and manipulate care for the maximization of profits. ”

Regardless, this US health care system is the chosen destination for the NHS as far as the STPs are concerned.

We the public have other ideas.

## **Information about how to Stop the Secret Theft Plans**

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