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A vote to 'remain' means permanent EU control and more problems for our NHS. It is also a vote to keep sending £350 million to the EU every week - enough to set up a brand new, fully staffed hospital *every week*. If we Vote Leave we will be able to spend that money on our priorities like the NHS.

EU RULES HAVE MADE PATIENTS LESS SAFE

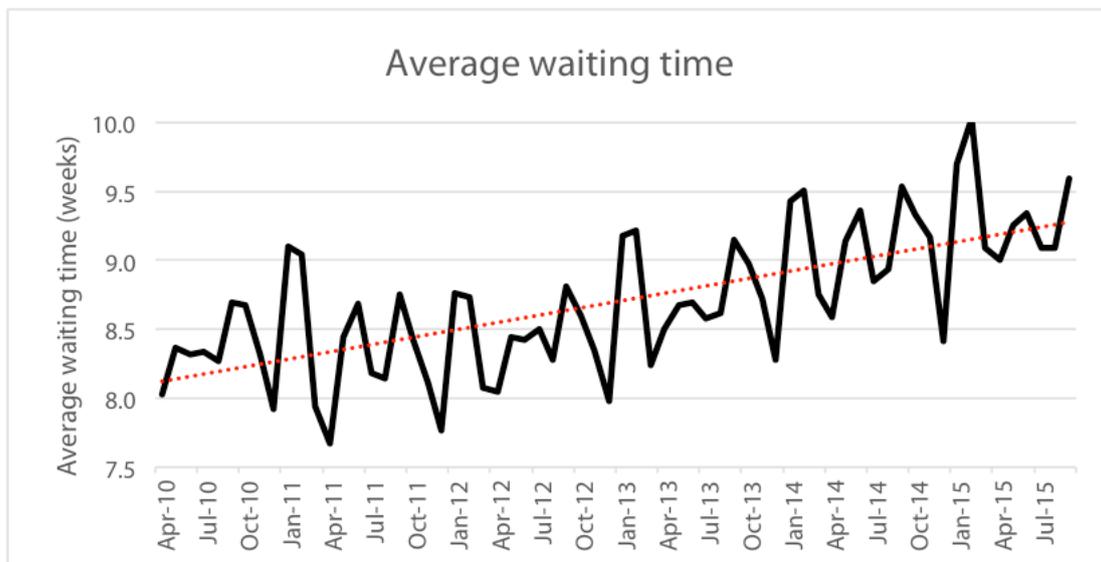
Because of free movement laws, the UK cannot test every EU doctor operating in the UK for whether they can speak English. This has had tragic and fatal (/web/20160512000621/http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/health/news/7045267/German-doctor-who-killed-patient-avoided-English-test.html) consequences and it is now estimated that almost half (/web/20160512000621/http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jul/27/eu-doctors-work-in-uk-failed-english-skills-gmc-licence) of EU doctors seeking work in UK have failed to prove English skills. Dogmatic EU rules, designed to protect the rights of EU migrants over patients, mean that the UK lacks the power to check systematically the language proficiency of EU doctors.

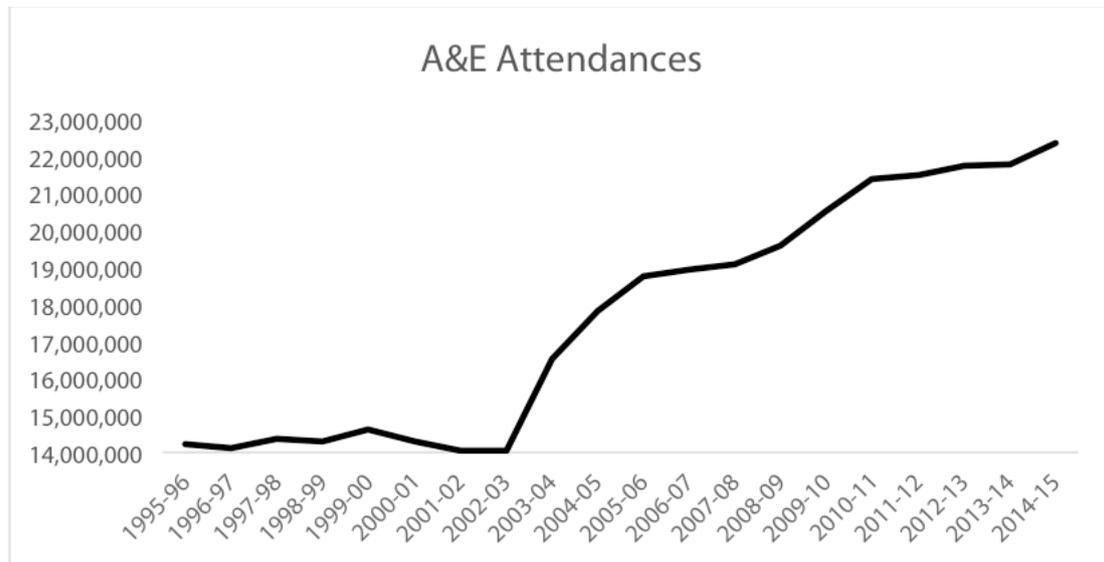
The EU has introduced many laws that undermine the NHS. EU officials have imposed expensive restrictions on the development of cancer drugs, with the Clinical Trials Directive creating (/web/20160512000621/http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17118647) serious problems, delaying the testing of life-saving cancer drugs. The Working Time Directive has also proved to be extremely expensive and has caused serious problems, with hospitals no longer able to ensure that they have enough staff on hand to look after patients. The European Court, rather than elected British politicians, is now in charge of the hours doctors can work in our NHS.

THE EU'S IMMIGRATION SYSTEM PUTS PRESSURE ON THE NHS

'Rising demand' for NHS services is one of the principal reasons identified by regulators for the NHS's forecast £2.4 billion deficit in 2015-2016.

There were 475,000 live births to mothers from other EU countries between 2005 and 2014, the equivalent of adding a city the size of Manchester to the population. The cost of providing NHS services to those families could be over £1.33bn. If we remain in the EU, the NHS will be put under more and more pressure and the A&E crisis will get even worse.





If we Vote Leave on 23 June, we can not just reduce the pressure on the NHS, but can stop sending £350m to the EU every week and instead spend it on our priorities. £350m is enough to build a brand new, fully staffed hospital every week.

THE EU HAS UNDERMINED UK HEALTH PROGRAMMES

The EU has taken control of many areas of public health policy. The European Court now decides

(<http://web/20160512000621/http://curia.europa.eu/juris/celex.jsf?celex=62014CJ0333&lang1=en&type=TXT&ancre=>) the prices at which alcohol can be sold in the UK. The European Court is also in control (<http://web/20160512000621/http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A62014CC0547>) of the conditions under which cigarettes can be bought and sold. The European Court will increasingly use the Charter of Fundamental Rights (<http://web/20160512000621/http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1457960627240&uri=CELEX:12012P035>) to take more control of public health if we vote to stay.

THE EU NOW WANTS EVEN MORE CONTROL

This situation is only going to get worse. The EU has made clear that it now wants even more control over our NHS. There are serious

(<http://web/20160512000621/http://www.channel4.com/news/jeremy-corbyn-on-ttip-trident-and-the-nhs>) concerns that the EU's proposed 'Trade and Investment Partnership' deal with the USA could have a serious impact on the NHS and extend the privatisation of the Health Service. The British Medical Journal recently warned (<http://web/20160512000621/http://www.uemsradiology.eu/getmedia.aspx?id=10202&field=Download8&url=%2Fmeetings-%2Fbarcelona-2013%2C-october-12.aspx>) that 'the risk for the NHS would be that it could never

afford to return a service in-house once it was contracted out.' Top QCs have warned

(<http://web/20160512000621/http://www.unitetheunion.org/uploaded/documents/MBTTIPAdvice20111511-25674.pdf>) that 'TTIP poses a real and serious risk to future UK [Government] decision-making in respect of the NHS.' This means that if we remain in the EU it will become ever harder to keep the NHS in public hands.

The European Commission has announced that it wants to take control of the NHS in the next few years in a new Treaty. The European Commission has said (<http://web/20160512000621/https://www.eureporter.co/health/2015/10/02/time-for-treaty-changes-and-a-joined-up-approach-on-eu-health/>) it 'can't imagine a more economically effective possibility than to manage health issues at EU level'. A new EU Treaty is already planned as early as next year as part of the Five Presidents' Report.

If we Vote Leave we ensure that our NHS remains public. We can cut the burden of regulation on the NHS and could afford to build a brand new, fully staffed hospital every week.

VIDEO: If we vote Leave, we can save the NHS



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Don't believe BSE's scaremongering

The EU-funded Britain Stronger In Europe (BSE) campaign is trying to scare (/web/20160512000621/http://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/eu-referendum-how-brexite-would-10716602) you by saying you would not 'receive free emergency health care in the EU' if we Vote Leave. The EU provides healthcare to non-EU nationals and the European Health Insurance Card is open to non-EU countries.

Further Reading

EU judges have too much control over our NHS - LINK

(/web/20160512000621/http://www.voteleavetakecontrol.org/eu_judges_have_too_much_control_over_our_nhs)

Britain has now paid more than half a trillion pounds to the EU - LINK

(/web/20160512000621/https://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/voteleave/pages/214/attachments/original/1451513263/VLBudgetNote.pdf?1451513263)

Our NHS is being shortchanged by the EU - LINK

(/web/20160512000621/http://www.voteleavetakecontrol.org/campaign_news_our_nhs_is_being_shortchanged_by_the_eu)

UK gives £5.8 billion more to EU countries for medical costs than it gets back - LINK

(/web/20160512000621/http://www.voteleavetakecontrol.org/uk_gives_5_8_billion_more_to_eu_countries_for_medical_costs_than_it_gets_back)

Growing pressure on the NHS due to higher migration - LINK

(/web/20160512000621/http://www.voteleavetakecontrol.org/growing_pressure_on_the_nhs_due_to_higher_migration)

How the EU is threatening patient safety - LINK

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