

Health Forum



STOP THE CUTS

- Save St. John's A&E

- Stop Co-location at the Regional Hospital

7.45pm
Tuesday
July 29th

Pery's
Hotel
Glentworth
Street

SPEAKERS:

DR. GERRY BURKE

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This Forum is a great chance to hear from those involved in the health service and health campaigns, and to learn more about the health crisis and cuts in the Mid West. It is also a chance to discuss the alternative to this agenda and how we can stop the cuts.

OUR HEALTH SERVICE IS UNDER ATTACK

- Government threatening to shut St. John's, Ennis and Nenagh A&Es
- A quarter of beds in St. John's already closed, plus services taken away from Nenagh and Ennis.
- Recruitment ban is already hitting hard, now the HSE says 150 more jobs may go in Limerick
- Ward in St. Joseph's shut as it had missing windows and moss growing by patient's beds

OUR HEALTH - FOR SALE

- The HSE and Government are consciously running our health service into the ground, and helping a US-style system rise out of the wreckage
- Public land at the regional is being given to a private hospital, which will leach off the public hospital, cherry picking the most profitable procedures and taking the best staff
- Two other private hospitals are being built in Limerick: one on the Dock Rd., and one in Adare

THE CAMPAIGN FOR A REAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

- The CRPHS is a broadbased campaign open to all. The idea of the campaign came from a mass public meeting in January in Dublin
- Flowing from that a national conference was organised in April, which agreed to launch the campaign around the country
- This forum is another step towards that. It will create a space for discussion on how we can organise to stop the cuts. Make sure you come

NOW IS THE TIME TO FIGHT BACK

- ❖ Emergency action is needed to reverse the cuts and end the crisis.
- ❖ We cannot wait any longer – by the next election the mid-west will have lost 3 public hospitals, and have 3 new private hospitals, unless we stop it.
- ❖ We need to turn the mass opposition to health cuts, into a mass movement of health workers, patients, and the public to defeat this government's health policy.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Take leaflets for your community workplace or union
- Put up posters in your area
- Bring friends and workmates
- Come on July 29

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