

The NHS Reinstatement Bill Group Constitution

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be The NHS Reinstatement Bill Group (“the Group”)

2. AIMS

The aims of the Group shall be:

- a) to promote the adoption into parliamentary legislation of the NHS Reinstatement Bill (“the Bill”) written by Prof Allyson Pollock & Peter Roderick.
- b) to raise public and parliamentary awareness of the issues leading to the need for the Bill.
- c) to restore the NHS as a public service by reversing marketisation, abolishing the purchaser-provider split, ending contracting and re-establishing public bodies and public services accountable to local communities.

3. POWERS

To further these aims the Group shall have power to:

- (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the Group.
- (b) Associate other NHS campaign groups and other voluntary bodies as appropriate in a common effort to carry out the aims of the Group
- (c) Contract such services as may be required for administration, promotion, press and management, or other related services, either directly or by donation in kind.
- (d) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the Group.

4. MANAGEMENT

- (a) There shall be a Steering Committee (“the Committee”) which shall manage the Group
- (b) The Committee shall consist of Prof Allyson Pollock, Mr Peter Roderick, Dr David Owen and Dr Tony O’Sullivan.

- (c) The Group shall have a chair, secretary and treasurer.
- (d) Prof Allyson Pollock shall be the chair of the Group and of the Committee.
- (e) Decisions of the Committee shall be made by consensus, failing which by a simple majority vote; in the event of a tie, the chair shall have a (second) casting vote;
- (f) The Committee may invite people to become non-voting members of the Group as advisors (“the Advisors”) to support the Group’s work and to participate in meetings of the Committee, as the Committee deems appropriate.
- (g) The Committee shall meet at least 3 times each year.
- (h) At least 2 Committee members must attend a Committee meeting to be able to make decisions.
- (i) Attendance at a meeting will not be limited to physical presence but may be by telephone conference call, Skype or other digital means.
- (k) A proper record of all transactions and meetings shall be kept.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The members of the Group shall consist of the Committee and the Advisors.
- (b) The secretary shall maintain a record of the members.

6. ADVISORS

- (a) The Advisors are members of the Group. Membership shall be voluntary, no subscription will be required and will continue unless and until the Committee decides otherwise.
- (b) The Advisors will be made up of representatives from campaign groups and other individuals with specific expertise, but cannot include representatives of political parties.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 12 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution and each year thereafter.

- (b) Notices of the AGM shall be published three weeks beforehand and a report on the Group's financial position for the previous year will be made available at the same time.

- (c) Proposals to change the Constitution must be given by a member of the Committee in writing to the secretary at least 28 days before a general meeting. A general meeting for this purpose may be called by any member of the Committee. Changes to the Constitution require a simple majority of the Committee.

8. ACCOUNTS

- (a) The funds of the Group including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account designated by and administered by or on behalf of the Committee. All funds drawn on that account must be approved in writing by two members of the Committee.
- (b) The funds belonging to the Group shall be applied only to further the aims of the Group.
- (c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept, and independently, systematically and transparently examined annually.

9. DISSOLUTION

- (a) The Group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a simple majority of the Committee voting at a Special General Meeting.

- (b) Upon dissolution, the Committee shall distribute any assets remaining after the payment of all bills to any other group(s) or organisation(s) having aims similar to the Group as the Committee may decide.