**CHILDREN’S HEALTH SERVICES IN BRIGHTON**

**UNDER THREAT**

Community health services for children and young people include health visiting, school nursing and the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) – a programme for teenage parents.

These services in Brighton and Hove are now under threat. In March 2016 the Health and Wellbeing Board, part of the council, agreed to:

* Cut funding for these children’s services by £1 million over the next 3 years.
* Scrap the FNP programme for young parents all together, asking the next provider to put something else in it’s place.
* Put all these children’s services out to tender. This means the expensive and secretive process to find a new provider for April 2017 has already begun.

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**WHO WANTS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN’s SERVICES in BRIGHTON?**

**VIRGIN CARE**

Sussex Defend the NHS are saying NO to Virgin Care taking over our Children’s Services. We want to see them properly funded and run by the NHS.

Private companies like Virgin care are being awarded huge contracts across many different health services but, because they need to make a profit, they reduce their costs by cutting staff and lowering standards and quality of care.

What you can do to make clear that this service cannot be run down and undermined in this way.

* Come to the lobby of the Health and Wellbeing Board: 3.30pm, Tuesday 12 July, Brighthelm.
* Post the flyer on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
* Tell your friends, colleagues and neighbours.
* Make your feelings about the potential privatisation known to your MP, local councillors and the local press. Template letters on Sussex Defend the NHS website.

**FOR OUR CHILDREN’S SAKE: SAY NO TO PRIVATISATION OF THE NHS**

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