

Friends,

The NIC-ICTU Health Committee, representing staff side trade unions in the NHS, has requested that the pledge below is disseminated widely during the 2016 NI Assembly election campaign.

We are asking all candidates to sign the following pledge:

“In keeping with the principles on which the NHS was founded I am committed to an NHS which is universal, free, publicly funded and publicly accountable.

I oppose the privatisation and marketization of the health and social care services in Northern Ireland and pledge to do all in my power to protect it through

- ***Opposing any attempt to open the NHS to competitive tendering or privatisation***
- ***Challenging any attempt to outsource social care to private providers***
- ***Working to end the current purchaser provider split that exists in the health service in Northern Ireland.***

If elected I will demand that the new Health Minister abide by national pay review body recommendations accepted by NHS staff in Northern Ireland. I will also seek to ensure that NHS staff in Northern Ireland get pay equality with colleagues across the NHS.”

(Signed) -----

