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Brown's dramatic health policy: 'no change'

Brown's health policies, announced today by health secretary Alan Johnson, do nothing to end the 'mad experiment' with market forces that lies at the root of many of the problems in the NHS, according to the Keep Our NHS Public campaign.

Campaigners are labelling Johnson's first statement a missed opportunity to bring a real change to the NHS.

Alex Nunns of Keep Our NHS Public said: "Brown's 'immediate priority' turns out to be a lengthy review conducted by a minister. But the government only needs this review because its market reforms have proved so unpopular – that's where it lost the support of health workers.

"If Brown wants to bring patients and staff back on board he must end the market madness that has destabilised the health service and caused so much damage. As a first step the government should abolish the already-troubled second wave of private treatment centres.

"It is disappointing that in the Commons Alan Johnson dismissed reports that he would drop the scheme – especially after saying in the deputy leadership campaign that where outsourced services do not perform the government must act."

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