

All you needed to know about NHS reform is that the rat...

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Many of us have argued for a long time that the Tories are privatising the NHS.

They of course deny it.

But the new that ratings agencies - the discredited Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch - are to rate the success of hospitals in future really says all that needs to be known about The Tories' objectives: the plan is very clearly to prepare businesses for sale.

Ignore clinical quality, care or any other factor that impacts health outcomes; just look to the financial bottom line. It's a sad indictment of their bankrupt philosophy and their failure to tell the truth. No wonder almost all, right across the medical professions, are opposed to this reform which is already happening despite having not a shred of legislative backing as yet.

The contempt the Tories have shown for parliament is amazing.

The contempt for the rest of us staggering.

And we'll end up paying, as the Americans do, vastly more for significantly worse health outcomes.