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About CHPI

The Centre for Health and the Public Interest (CHPI) is a low-cost, high-impact think tank which seeks to advance the public interest in the debate about the future of health and social care in the UK. The Centre has a specific focus on accountability and transparency in health policy making and aims to provide an authoritative voice which challenges the orthodoxy in favour of markets in health and social care.

How do we operate?

The Centre produces regular reports, briefing notes and blog posts from a network of respected academics and expert practitioners. This research is disseminated through the Centre's website, via social media and newsletters and by promoting reports directly to the mainstream media and to politicians, so that it has maximum impact on the policy debate. The Centre's web and social media presence also allows us to engage directly with members of the public. The website and all the research that we produce is available as a resource for anyone interested in health and social care policy.

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Our People

The Executive Management Team and Advisory Board

The Executive Management Team which runs the Centre and oversees the production of the Centre's research consists of two academics with expertise in health policy and a finance expert. We also have staff responsible for the day to day functioning of the Centre, ensuring that the research we produce has an impact on the policy debate.

Executive Management Team

Professor Marianna Fotaki

Professor Colin Leys

Mr Keir Wright-Whyte

Advisory Board

An Advisory Board brings together experts from academic and NHS professional backgrounds.

Professor James Curran, Professor David J Hunter, Professor John Mohan, Dr Alex Scott-Samuel, Dr Jonathon Tomlinson, Professor Gareth Williams

Our supporters

Sir John Arbuthnott, Professor John Ashton, Professor Sir Mansel Aylward, Sir Kenneth Calman, Professor Simon Capewell, Professor David Colquhoun, Professor Colin Crouch, Professor Danny Dorling, Dame Karen Dunnell, Dr Clare Gerada, Dr Julian Tudor Hart, Professor Walter Holland, Dr Richard Horton, Lord Frank Judd, Baroness Helena Kennedy, Professor Baroness Ruth Lister, Professor David Marquand, Professor Martin McKee, Lord Nic Rea, Professor Dai Smith, and Professor Alan Walker

Our achievements over the past year – building our reputation as an authoritative think-tank which focuses on accountability and the public interest

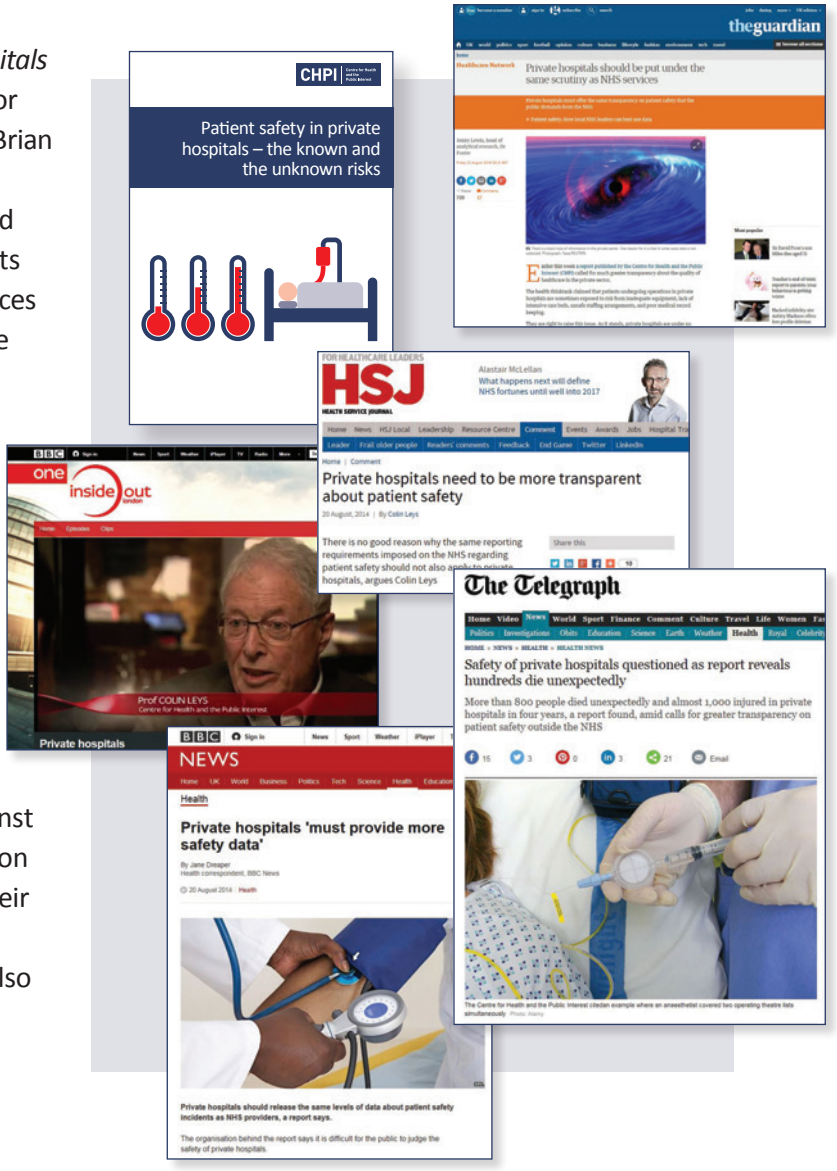
We have built on the work that we produced in our first year and we have continued to gain significant media coverage for the Centre's reports and analyses. This has allowed us to influence the debate around health and social care policy in the UK and raise awareness of issues relating to accountability and the public interest in health policy not covered by other think-tanks or academic bodies. Over the past year we have published 3 major reports and 14 blog posts:

Report: Patient Safety in Private Hospitals

Our major report *Patient Safety in Private Hospitals – the known and the unknown risks*, by Professor Colin Leys and patient safety expert Professor Brian Toft, for the first time put together an account of the distinctive patient safety challenges faced by the private hospital sector – which now treats 400,000 NHS patients a year – and the differences in accountability and transparency between the private sector and the NHS.

The report was covered extensively by the BBC over a period of 4 months (The Today Programme, BBC TV News, BBC Inside Out, BBC Radio 4 Inside Health), and also by the Guardian, the Telegraph, the Independent, the Health Service Journal, the Lancet and the British Medical Journal.

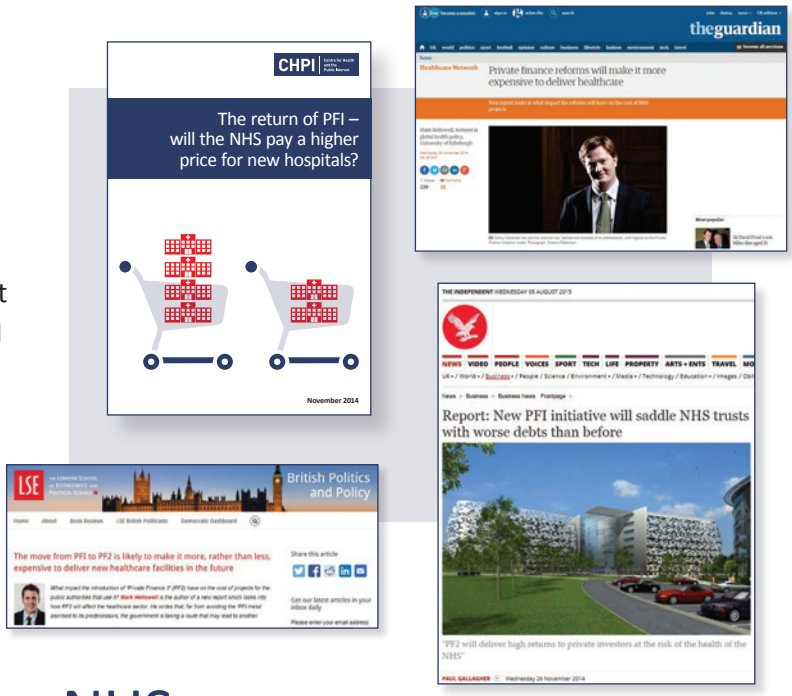
The report's recommendations on data transparency were supported by data experts Dr Fosters, and the Association of Victims against Medical Accidents. The Care Quality Commission also referenced the findings of the report in their annual review 'The State of Health Care and Adult Social Care in England'. The report was also referenced in parliamentary debates.



Report: The return of PFI – will the NHS pay a higher price for new hospitals?

In November 2014 we published a report by one of the country's leading experts on the Private Finance Initiative, Dr Mark Hellowell of the University of Edinburgh. *The return of PFI – will the NHS pay a higher price for new hospitals?* examined the reforms to the private finance initiative introduced by the coalition government and found that the changes would make new PFI hospitals even more costly than before.

The report was covered extensively in the Independent and The Guardian Healthcare Network, and on the LSE's widely read Policy and Politics blog.



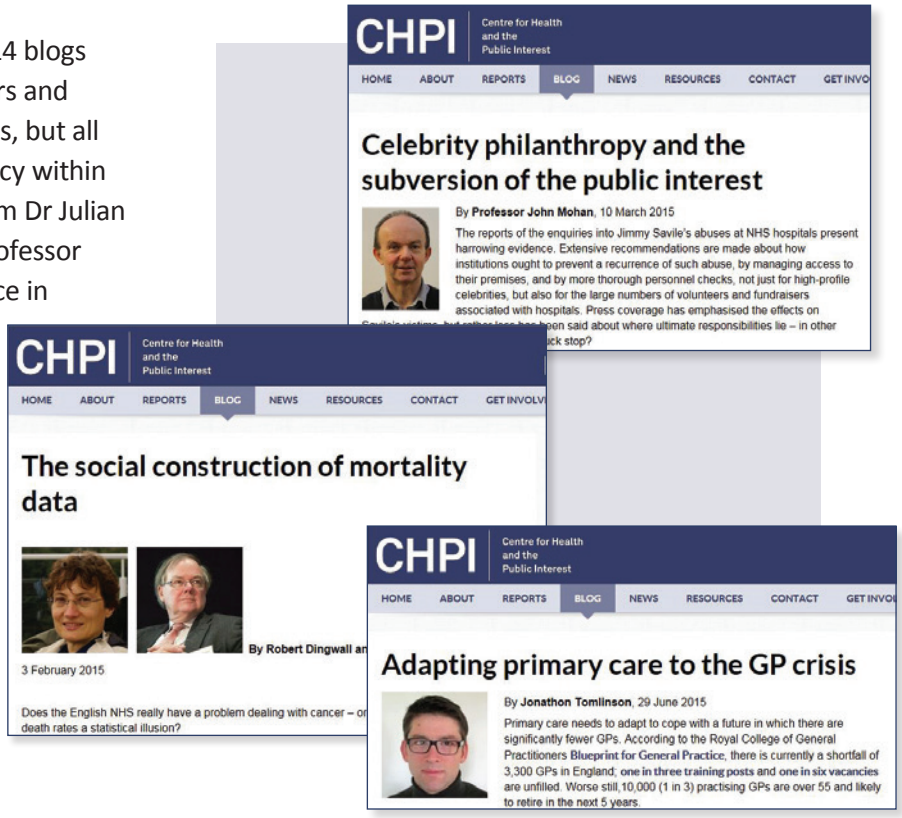
Report: The contracting NHS

During the 2015 election campaign we published *The contracting NHS – can the NHS handle the outsourcing of clinical services?* looking at the extent of outsourcing in the NHS and how effectively local NHS bodies monitor and enforce the contracts they hold with the private sector. In producing the report we made use of our excellent team of volunteers to undertake an in-depth survey of all 211 clinical commissioning groups in England. We identified for the first time that the NHS now holds over 53,000 contracts with the private sector worth around £20bn a year, yet the arrangements for monitoring these contracts is weak.

This report was covered in the Independent, the BMJ, National Health Executive, Private Eye and the LSE policy and Politics blog, and extensively on social media, contributing to the debate during the election campaign about the future role of the private sector in the NHS.

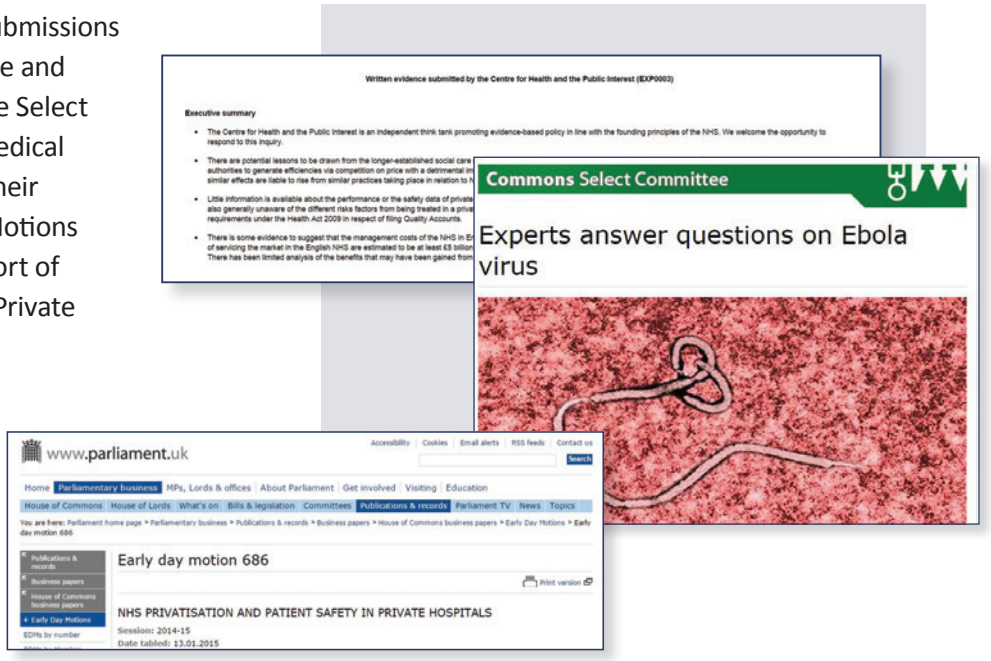
Blogs

Over the past year we have published 14 blogs from a range of academics, practitioners and campaigners on a wide array of subjects, but all linked to accountability and transparency within the NHS. We have published pieces from Dr Julian Tudor Hart on the NHS in Wales and Professor Matthew Dunnigan on the health service in Scotland. Professor John Mohan from the University of Birmingham wrote on how philanthropy affects the public interest in health, whilst Professor Robert Dingwall from Nottingham Trent University wrote on the reliability of comparing mortality data between different countries. All our blogs have been widely disseminated on social media.



Parliamentary impact

We have made a number of submissions to the Health Select Committee and have provided questions to the Select Committee to ask the Chief Medical Officer via Twitter, as part of their inquiry into Ebola. Early Day Motions have also been tabled in support of our work on Patient Safety in Private Hospitals.



Looking ahead

The Centre intends to maintain its focus on the public interest in health and social care and especially on the issues of transparency and accountability across the public and private sector. To do this we recognise that we need to move on from a model based on heavy input from busy experts with a minimal budget for support to one based on employing a full–time Director to oversee the production of reports, blogs and analyses. Employing a Director will enable us to organise seminars, to represent the CHPI in the media, to extend our outreach by bringing people together to discuss the future of the NHS and social care, and to continue to ensure that our reports and publications are accessible to the public, effectively promoted and widely read. We are therefore seeking funding for a director and for specific research projects on accountability and governance in the new NHS, particularly in relation to private sector involvement in the provision of NHS services.

Our sources of funding

We accept funding only from independent organisations and individuals. We do not accept funding from any private organisation which has a financial interest in the provision of health and social care services. The major funding for our work has come from the following organisations: The Lipman-Miliband Trust, the Scurrah Wainwright Charitable Trust, Betterworld, and the Amiel and Melburn Trust.

Over the past year we have secured charitable status and we have built up a base of committed supporters to give us a modest annual income, and have received some generous individual donations.

Our donors are proud of the material that CHPI has been able to produce and the impact it has had, given our very tight financial constraints.

Our Accounts

Income and Expenditure	Year to 31st March 2015 £	Year to 31st March 2014 £
Donations		
Amiel & Melburn Trust	–	12,000
Betterworld Ltd	10,000	7,500
Individuals	11,247	1,455
Total Income	**21,247**	**20,955**
Expenses		
Staffing	8,500	15,063
Website Costs	480	350
Rent & Rates	127	–
Report Design & Printing	664	1,005
Total Expenditure	**9,771**	**16,418**

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