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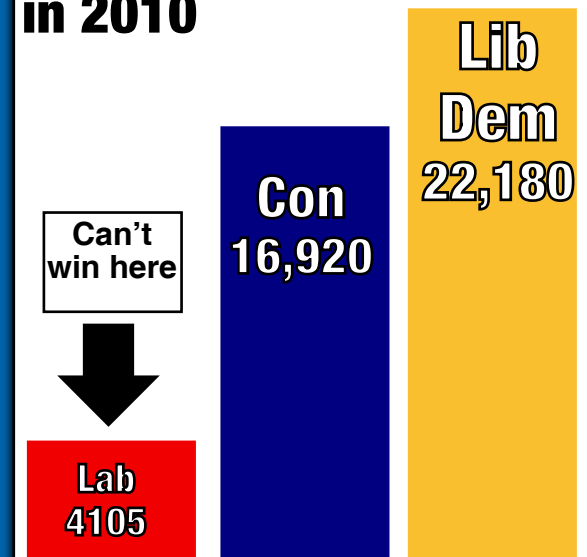
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Lib Dems win major changes to NHS reform

Liberal Democrats ensure that there is no privatisation of the NHS

The Government has announced radical changes to its Health Bill to address concerns raised by the public, medical professionals and the Liberal Democrats.

Liberal Democrats led the calls for changes after raising serious concerns at the party's Spring Conference in March. Since then, Liberal Democrats in Government have worked to make sure the concerns have been properly addressed.

MP for Carshalton and Wallington Tom Brake has welcomed the changes, 'The NHS is one of our nation's proudest achievements. With the Lib Dems, the NHS will always remain universal, based on need and free at point of use. There will be no US-style privatisation of the NHS on our watch.'

Tom is a long time champion of the NHS and over the last twenty years has worked with local residents to campaign for better local health services and to secure the future of St Helier hospital.

The Liberal Democrats used their influence in Government on behalf of patients in three key areas: ensuring that there is no privatisation of the NHS and no special favours for the private sector; slowing down the pace of change in the NHS - evolution, not revolution; making sure that the NHS is properly accountable, both locally and nationally.

Now Tom is fighting to ensure that vital services remain at St Helier and is calling for the local NHS to pause, listen and reflect over plans for a headlong merger with St George's Hospital in Tooting.



Tom Brake MP and Paul Burstow MP and local residents celebrate securing the funding needed for the rebuild of St Helier Hospital

There is growing alarm at the haste with which the process is moving with local councillors and health professionals feeling bounced. If you want to join the growing campaign calling on St Helier to take on board local people's concerns, sign the petition on page 2

Action on Education



Top Lib Dem Education successes

- ✓ The pupil premium which will invest an extra £7,648,112 in Sutton schools.
- ✓ 15 hours a week of flexible free childcare for all three-and-four year olds.
- ✓ All Sutton's secondary schools are good or outstanding.
- ✓ This year Lib Dems on Sutton council have created over 200 extra school places

Many working parents in Sutton Borough are in line to benefit from a proposed change to their free childcare entitlement as part of a shake-up of early years education announced by Lib Dem Children's Minister, Sarah Teather.

"Sarah's reforms are designed to make childcare more flexible" said Tom Brake. "Currently parents of all three and four year olds can

claim 15 hours of free childcare, but they have to use it spread across three days".

Changes to childcare

"As a dad I know how difficult arranging childcare can be, which is why from next year the time could be used over two days, enabling many more parents to get a part-time job without paying extra to top up the free childcare," he added.

There will also be a change in when the hours can be used, from 7am to 7pm rather than from 8am to 6pm as at present, fitting in better with commuters and shift-workers.

Helping local families

Other changes suggested by the Lib Dem Minister include more focus on preparing children for starting school; involving parents more in running childrens' centres; and checks on two year olds to identify any problems in their development.

Supporting Sutton's schools

Locally a strong partnership will continue between Sutton schools and their local council, even

though many of them are moving to academy status. That's the assurance given by Cllr Kirsty Jerome, Member for Education.

"Schools are being offered extra money to go academy (a share of the funds which normally go to local authorities for support services), and in these increasingly tough financial times I can understand why they're taking that decision.

But there's always been a strong partnership among the schools, and with the council, and all our schools are committed to continuing to work with the authority to benefit local children" said Kirsty.

Kirsty went on to say that Sutton Council still had responsibility to ensure Sutton children were properly educated and cared for, and that would not change.

She added that the council will still offer special educational support to academies and said none of the schools that converted are seeking to change their admission policies.

Tom Brake with Sarah Ludford MEP at the Bedzed Development in Hackbridge



Taking the **action** needed to tackle Climate Change

Lib Dems in Parliament and locally in Sutton are leading the fight against climate change.

Nationally Lib Dem Minister Chris Huhne recently announced the world's most ambitious legally binding limits on carbon emissions.

Commenting Tom Brake said: "This carbon budget will transform Britain. It gives

investors the certainty needed to invest in clean energy and other green technologies."

"Locally, we hope that the Carbon budget will promote initiatives like our Low Carbon Zone project in Hackbridge" said Cllr Colin Hall.

"The work the Council is undertaking to cut carbon emissions by 20% by 2012, as part of the effort to make Hackbridge, the UK's first sustainable suburb really is at the cutting edge of sustainable planning".

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