



## HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM **SAVE OUR NHS**



### **NEED A DENTIST? IT MAY COST YOU LOTS... OR YOU'LL WAIT... AND WAIT...**

- It's getting **harder** to find an NHS dentist. 9 out of 10 NHS dental practices in the UK are not taking new NHS patients.
- 8 in 10 NHS practices are **not taking on children**. NW London health bosses are having to pay many thousands of pounds to send local kids for **necessary** treatment over to St Barts in East London. We risk a **generation of kids with few teeth**.
- If you are a patient, you can **pay to be seen quickly**. But as an NHS patient you may have to **wait for months** for treatment. So we now have a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class dental service.
- It may cost you hundreds for **simple but necessary** treatment. You may pay thousands for **complex but necessary** treatment...
- And **dental check-ups are about more than teeth**: they can discover diabetic conditions, heart conditions, mouth and other cancers, stroke indicators – but check-ups also cost money.

**The Government is not training enough dentists AND they are NOT paying dentists enough even to cover their costs for NHS patients.**