

# All About the NHS

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# What Is the NHS?

The **NHS** stands for the UK's **N**ational **H**ealth **S**ervice.

People who work in the NHS keep people healthy. They help those in the UK who are feeling unwell or are injured.



# When Do We Use the NHS?

Think about times when you have been helped by someone who works for the NHS.

Who helped you when you were injured?



Who gave you medicine when you were unwell?



Who would help you if you had a medical emergency?



# Life Before the NHS

We haven't always had a National Health Service which is available for all in the way it is today.

Before having the NHS, only wealthy people could afford to go to hospital or get medical help.

Every visit to a doctor or operation would cost the person money. If the person could not afford it, they did not get the medicine or the treatment.

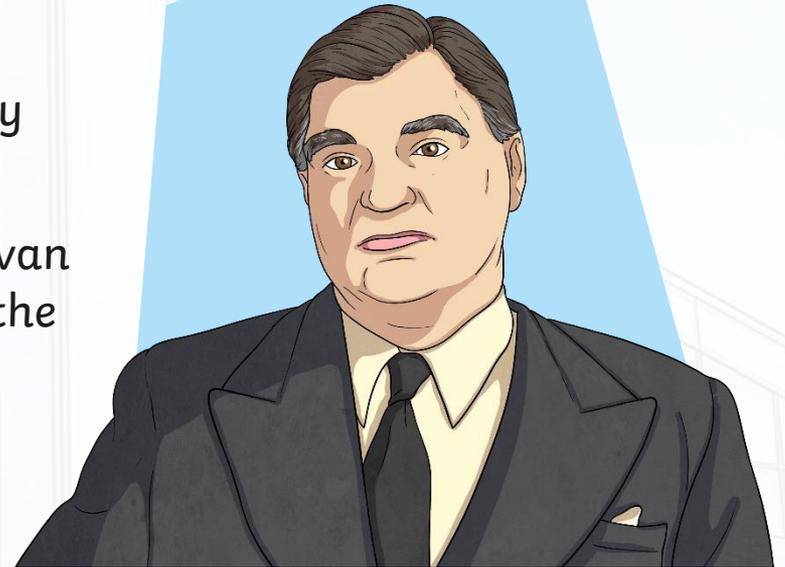


# Aneurin Bevan

Aneurin Bevan decided to change things.

Aneurin Bevan was a Welsh Labour Party politician.

After the Second World War, Aneurin Bevan was chosen as the Minister of Health in the Labour government.



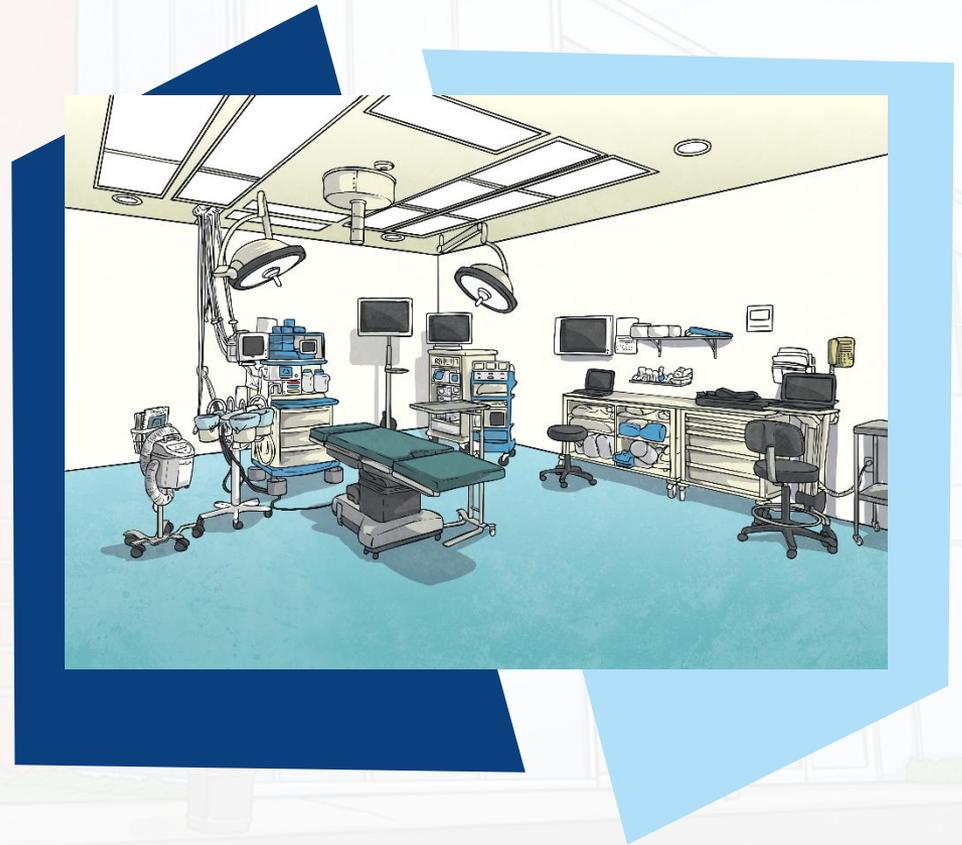
He started the National Health Service on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

He wanted a system which provided medical care which was free at point-of-need for everyone within the UK, regardless of wealth.

# How Does It Work?

Today, the NHS allows every person in the United Kingdom to access free medical help, treatment and advice. Unlike in many other countries, there is no bill to pay at the end of your treatment.

The money for the NHS comes from the Government's Department of Health and Social Care, and most of this money comes from taxes which working people pay every month. Some of the money comes from what is charged for prescriptions and dental care.



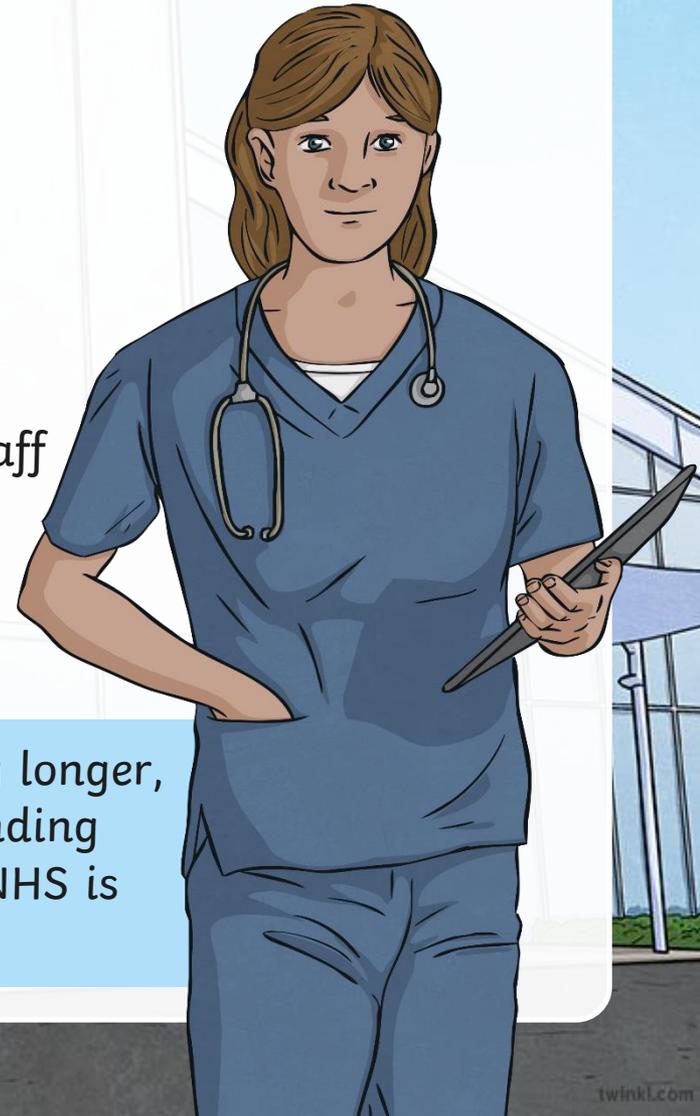
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The money for the NHS is spent in different ways, including:

- Day-to-day expenses such as staff wages and paying for medicines
- Building new hospitals and paying for new computers and equipment
- Giving training to doctors, nurses and other staff
- Paying for public health campaigns to help people live more healthily

## Did you know...?

As the population increases and people are living longer, many hospital trusts across the country are spending more money than is coming in. This means the NHS is currently under a lot of pressure.



# NHS Staff

There are many different people who work within the NHS.

Some you might immediately think of and others you might not have thought of at first.

Every single person and role is important for the NHS to work together as a system of health for the country.



## nurses

Nurses care for patients. They might take your temperature, they diagnose what's wrong and can prescribe medicine. Some doctors perform

## ambulance service team

## allied health professionals

Telephone operators answer people's 999 calls and work out what help is needed in each emergency. Paramedics respond and give people first aid. They use an ambulance, e.g. get patients to hospital as quickly as possible. Physiotherapists,



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## health informatics

Staff at a dental surgery work together to keep your teeth clean and healthy. These people get information to the right people at the right time through electronic records or give your tooth a jilling or even take a tooth spotting trends in diseases and treatments. They help other people make decisions.

## healthcare scientists

NHS scientists look for ways to help save lives and make lives better through research.



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management

management make sure the system runs smoothly. They use their budget to work out how to spend NHS money. They allocate staff to each hospital, and more. They give people advice on taking the right medicine to recover.

pharmacists



midwives

Midwives care for pregnant women. They help to deliver the baby and to keep the mother and baby healthy after birth.



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Primary healthcare team professionals

These NHS workers support people's work, minds and mental wellbeing and more. They help people to live healthy lives and what to do if we are unwell.

Which job do you think is new?

public health team

The public health team are in charge of making sure that we know how to live healthy lives and what to do if we are unwell.

Did you know these different jobs work in the NHS?



# What is PPE?

**P – Personal**

**P – Protective**

**E – Equipment**

## **Why is PPE important for the NHS?**

PPE is important to keep NHS workers safe in the workplace or on home visits when they are likely to come into contact with suspected or confirmed diseases or bacteria. Healthcare workers may be required to use equipment, follow procedures or instructions, take part in training or work under supervision to ensure work is carried out safely.

# NHS Timeline

1948 – The NHS was created (launched by Aneurin Bevan).

1952 – People had to start paying a small fee to have medicine prescribed.

1958 – The first big vaccination programme started, protecting lots of people from diseases called polio and diphtheria.

1962 – The Hospital Plan started, ensuring that there were enough hospitals to treat everyone.

1968 – The UK's first heart transplant happened.

1972 – CT scanners were used for the first time to create detailed images of bodies, helping to diagnose injuries and illnesses.

1994 – The organ donor register was created, meaning that people could volunteer to donate their organs after they died.

2006 – Patient choice was created (where patients could choose which hospital they attend).

2018 – The NHS turned 70.

# NHS Timeline

In what year did the NHS turn 70?

2018

Which Labour MP created the NHS?

Aneurin Bevan

Before the NHS, what did people have to do if they needed medical help?

Pay money for it.

When were charges for prescriptions first introduced?

1952

Are doctors and nurses the only people who work for the NHS?

No, the NHS is made up of many different working roles and people.



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