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NHS FACTS

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1. The UK is the 5th richest economy in the world (by GDP) and yet we are in the bottom 4 for healthcare spending in Europe.
2. We have some of the lowest numbers of doctors per person in Europe.
3. Studies have shown that there were 15–30,000 extra deaths across England in recent years. This has closely followed cuts to health and social care spending.
4. The child death rate is rising for the first time since 2006.
5. Doctors went on strike for the first time in 40 years because Jeremy Hunt wanted to stretch FIVE days of doctors over SEVEN, with no extra doctors.
6. Waiting time targets for cancer patients are being missed. Nearly 1 in 5 cancer patients now wait >62 days for treatment.
7. New plans called “STPs” (Sustainability and Transformation plans) drawn up will see up to 1 in 6 A&Es closed or downgraded across England.
8. Numbers of private companies taking over NHS services have dramatically risen since the Health and Social Care Act was passed in 2012.
9. Private Finance Initiatives are high interest loans taken out by previous Governments to build new hospitals. Interest repayments will cost over 6 times the original amount. Trusts such as Barts, Sherwood Forest, University Hospitals of North Midlands and more face unaffordable, increasing annual charges as a result of inflated PFI costs.
10. The current head of the NHS England previously worked in a top USA insurance company for nine years.



‘As a junior doctor and a researcher looking after cancer patients in the NHS, I am terrified by the prospect of what the election will bring.’

Aislinn Macklin-Doherty, Junior Doctor

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1. The NHS is currently undergoing the largest ever sustained reduction in spending as a percentage of GDP since 1948.
2. There have been record inpatient bed closures. Nearly 15,000 beds (over 1 in 10) have been closed since 2009. 9,000 of these are front line acute beds: but almost 5,000 (ONE in FIVE) mental health care beds have closed.
3. There are dangerously low staffing levels. Government's own figures puts numbers at 50,000 clinical staff missing. 96% of acute hospitals were short of registered nurses to cover day shifts last October.
4. Social care funding has been slashed. Delays in discharging elderly patients from hospitals are running at record levels.
5. A&Es are collapsing under the pressure. Over the winter tens of thousands of people waited over 4 hours to be seen: the highest number since the 4 hour wait target was introduced.
6. Health tourism makes up a fraction of 1% of NHS spending.
7. One in ten NHS doctors are from Europe.
8. A law passed in 2012 called the Health and Social Care Act removed the Health Secretary's duty to provide healthcare for all for the first time since 1948.
9. The ageing population has been rising over decades. The increase in numbers of people aged over 75 has been predicted for years, not suddenly happened to cause this crisis.
10. Sustainability & Transformation Plans have divided the NHS up across England. Many propose new models developed by insurers in the US, that may restrict access to care.



'I have had my life saved by the NHS, and I have myself saved lives with the NHS. It's the best of Britain. Don't let them take it away from you.'

Moosa Qureshi,
Specialist doctor in leukaemia & blood diseases

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