

1910s

1920s

1930s

1940s

1950s

1960s

Before 1948 and the NHS

Patients generally have to pay for their healthcare.

At the start of World War Two an Emergency Hospital Service is set-up to care for injured soldiers.

It gives a taste of what a National Health Service might look like.

“Before the war hundreds of thousands of people were just too poor to see a doctor.”

Shirley Murgraff
guardian.com

1948 The NHS is born

It provides free healthcare to everyone and employs 144,000 people.

These days, over 10 times more people work for the NHS and it sees 1.5 million patients every 24 hours.

1958 A vaccination programme is launched for under 15s

The vaccines greatly reduce disease.

Children can now receive far more vaccinations to prevent diseases.

1960 First UK organ transplant

Organs are donated from one person to another in a lifesaving operation.

Transplants are an incredible achievement of modern medicine.

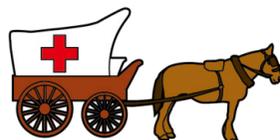
1918 World War One ends

1918 Women get the vote

Parliament says they deserve it after doing men’s work during the war.

1922 First BBC radio broadcast

“Listening-in” becomes a popular pastime.



1936 BBC Television Service begins

It is put on hold when war breaks out.

1939 World War Two begins

Women are called up for the first time.



1955 ITV, the first commercial TV station, is launched

1957 Russia launches Sputnik

First satellite orbits the Earth.

1969 Man walks on the moon



1970s

1972
CT scans allow doctors to inspect the inside of the body like never before

CT scans use X-rays and a computer to create detailed pictures. They are carried out in hospital by specially trained operators.

1975
A new law is passed – Sex Discrimination Act

It says men and women need to be treated equally and given the same opportunities in the workplace.

1979
First woman prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, is appointed



1980s

“From my experience, if you have drive, the opportunities are there – you have to go for it.”

Jamie Richardson
Midwife

1983
Men can work as midwives

Back in 1975, the law said men and women should have the same opportunities.

1989
The World Wide Web is invented

1990s

1998
NHS Direct launches

It provides health advice to the public by telephone or through a website. It went on to become one of the largest e-health services in the world. It was later replaced by NHS Choices and the 111 service.

1991
First website goes live

It provided information on the World Wide Web project. It was made by its inventor, Tim Berners-Lee.

2000s

2007
Robotic arm is used in ground-breaking heart operations

Doctors control the robot arm through a computer using a joystick. In future, it might be possible to program the robot arm to target a place in the heart chosen by the doctor.

2000
Britain celebrates the start of a new millennium

2005
First video is uploaded to YouTube

2010s

2012
The NHS is celebrated at the London 2012 Olympic Games

2017
There are over 350 different jobs in the NHS. It's not just doctors and nurses!

2018
NHS turned 70!

2010
First iPad is launched

