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#### 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.

#### 1955

#### ITV, the first commercial TV station, is launched

#### 1957

#### Russia launches Sputnik

First satellite orbits the Earth.

#### 1960

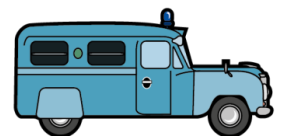
#### First UK organ transplant

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

Transplants are an incredible achievement of modern medicine.

#### 1969

#### Man walks on the moon



#### 1918

#### World War One ends

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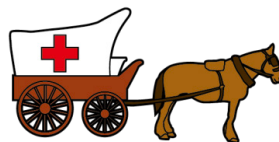
#### Women get the vote

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.

## 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

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**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

