



NHS Roadshow

Factsheet 1

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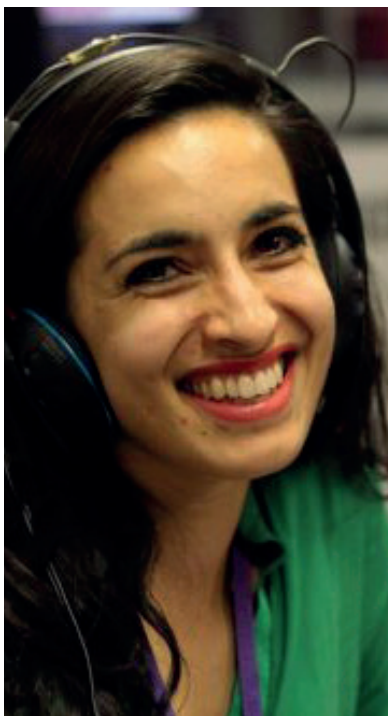
NHS FACTS

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1. The UK spends far less per person on health than many comparable countries around the world: 20% less than **Ireland**, 22% less than **France**, 30% less than **Netherlands**, 47% less than **Germany**, and 80% less than **Switzerland**. We have fewer MRI and CT scanners per head than almost any developed country.
2. We have some of the lowest numbers of doctors per person in Europe.
3. In June this year a report argued more than **130,000 deaths** in the UK since 2012 have resulted from austerity cuts in NHS, public health and social care.
4. The child death rate is rising for the first time since 2006. Emergency hospital admissions for children with pneumonia have risen by more than 50% in England over the past decade – mostly in areas of social deprivation
5. Widening inequalities mean there is now a **16 year gap in healthy life expectancy** between the richest and poorest areas of England – a gap as wide as that between Britain and **Sudan**.
6. Waiting time targets for **cancer patients** are being missed. Only **38%** of NHS trusts meet the standard of treating patients within 62 days of referral.
7. NHS trusts have been driven **deep into deficit**, and still forced to seek savings, closing or downgrading more A&Es across England. Backlog maintenance has risen to **£6.6 billion** – half of it urgent or significant for patient safety
8. Locally commissioned spending on private providers of health care has **risen over 40%** in the last five years to a record **£9.2bn**. The total spent on private contracts could be as high as 18% of NHS England spending.
9. The collapse of Carillion in 2018 left two major hospitals, in Liverpool and Birmingham half-built, and brought an end to 20 years of the “Private Finance Initiative” which used private money to build over 100 hospitals costing £11bn **but will cost £80 bn to pay off**. Trusts such as Barts, Sherwood Forest, University Hospitals of North Midlands and many more still face unaffordable, increasing annual charges for PFI contracts into the 2040s.
10. US President Donald Trump made clear in June he wants the NHS – and the price it pays for drugs from US companies – **on the table** in any trade talks. Although Trump and Boris Johnson have since denied this, but Dispatches on Channel 4 have proved their claims to be untrue. It’s clear our NHS remains up for grabs as long as key services are delivered by private firms.

“Decent healthcare is a human right and should never be a commodity to be bought and sold. Let’s send a message to Donald Trump to keep his hands off our NHS and ask the UK government to explicitly guarantee that it will never form part of a trade deal with America, nor any other trade deal”

Dr Sonia Adesara, whose petition to protect the NHS has over 900,000 signatures.



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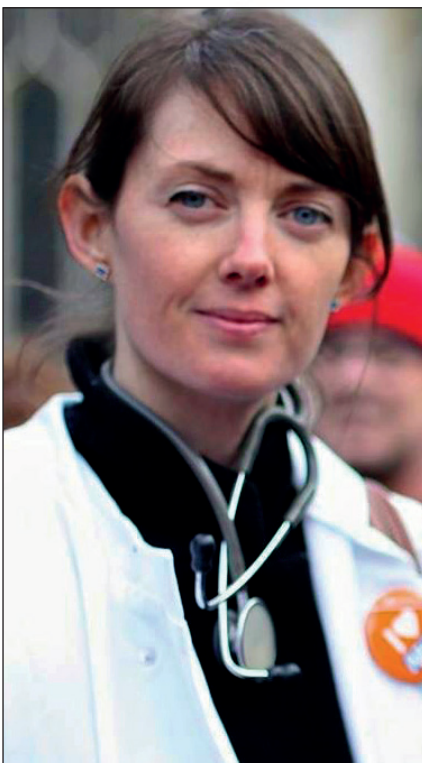
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1. The NHS is currently undergoing the meanest decade for funding growth since 1948, with spending failing to cover costs of caring for a rising population.
2. England's population has **increased by 7%** since 2009: but numbers of **over 65s has increased by 19%** – while NHS spending has stood still in real terms. It's the funding freeze, not the rise in demand that has caused the crisis.
3. There have been continuous hospital bed closures. Nearly 16,000 beds (over 1 in 10) have been closed since 2009. **9,000** of these are frontline hospital beds. Over **5,000 mental health** beds (more than **ONE in FIVE**) have also closed.
4. There are dangerously low staffing levels. NHS trusts report a shortage of more than **100,000 full time posts (1 in 11)**, including **41,000 nursing vacancies** (1 in 8), potentially rising to **70,000** in 5 years, **10,000** doctors and **7,000** GPs.
5. **Social care funding has been slashed.** Delays in discharging elderly patients from hospitals have risen by 17% this year, with delays from social care increased by 21% since February.
6. A&Es are collapsing under the pressure. The target to treat or discharge 95% of patients within 4 hours **has not been met in England for over five years.** **64,921** patients spent **over 4 hours on trolleys** in September waiting for a bed – **46% higher** than the same month last year. Numbers of so-called "trolley waits" have increased 14-fold since August 2010
7. "Health tourism" makes up **less than one third of 1%** of NHS spending.
8. **11,000 NHS doctors** (almost 10%) are from other EU countries.
9. In many areas a growing list of treatments are being **excluded from the NHS** to save money, and described as "low clinical value": this includes **elective hip and knee replacements and cataracts.** It creates a **2-tier service** in which those who can afford to go private – while those who can't are forced to go without.
10. In 2012 new legislation, the Health and Social Care Act reorganised the NHS, increased privatisation and encouraged NHS hospital trusts to expand private wings. Even NHS England which oversees the NHS wants part of this Act reversed (for its own reasons): we want the whole Act repealed and our NHS reinstated as a public service to protect it against any future trade deals.



'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