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NHS Nursing and the NHS: a brief history

Checking intensive care unit drips at Ashford Hospital, 1998

1983: The United Kingdom

Central Council for Nursing,

the General Nursing Council

Midwifery and Health

Visiting (UKCC) replaces

for England and Wales.

1983: The Griffiths report

general managers in the

that clinicians should be

more closely involved in

screening for women over

the age of 50 starts, with

around the country providing

1990s

undergoes a revolution with

the advent of Project 2000.

The new system ushers in

supernumerary status for

students, a non-means-

tested bursary and an

academic preparation

over clinical experience.

1991: The first NHS trusts

are established to make the

service more responsive to

Donor Register launches in

1998: The nurse-led advice

line NHS Direct launches

across England and Wales,

followed in 2001 in Scotland

the user at a local level.

There are 57 in total.

1994: The NHS Organ

October 1994.

education focus on

1990: Nurse education

breast screening units

free mammograms.

management process.

1988: Routine breast

calls for the appointment of

NHS and also recommends

1956: The first nursing studies unit in the UK is established at the University of Edinburgh.

5 July 1948: the National Health Service is launched at **1959:** The Mental Health Act 1959 abolishes the legal Park Hospital in Manchester (now known as Trafford distinction between General Hospital). The psychiatric and other new NHS took control of hospitals. 480.000 hospital beds in England and Wales, while an estimated 125,000 nurses and 5,000 consultants were

1960s

1960: The first UK kidney transplant takes place at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

1962: Health minister Enoch Powell publishes A Hospital Plan for England and Wales. At its heart is the district general hospital, designed to provide a comprehensive range of inpatient and outpatient services to

populations of 100,000 to 150,000.

1966: The Salmon report paves the way for a new nurse grading structure, heralding the end of the old matron title and meaning every hospital would have a chief nursing officer.

1967: Nurse Dame Cicely Saunders sets up the first

1967: Termination of pregnancy becomes legal under the Abortion Act 1967.

1968: Surgeon Donald Ross carries out Britain's first heart transplant at the National Heart Hospital in Marylebone, London, on 3 May.

1970s

Measuring and weighing, 1972

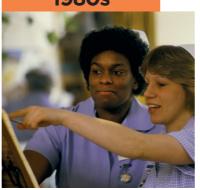
1972: The Briggs report concludes that basic nurse training should be provided in clinical settings.

1972: The first computerised tomography (CT) scanners are introduced in the NHS.

1974: Jean McFarlane becomes the first professor of nursing at an English university.

1975: A Royal Commission on the NHS was set up to consider the "best use and management of the financial and manpower resources of the NHS". The Commission went on to recommend a simplification in the administration of the service.

1980s



Student nurse mentored at St George's Hospital, 1988

service staff.

1983: The NHS Pay Review Body starts recommending national pay awards for nurses and other health

by NHS 24. NHS Direct is controversially replaced in 2014 by NHS 111.

1999: The National Institute for Clinical Excellence better known as NICE - is set up to reduce variation in the availability and quality of NHS treatments and care.

2000s

2000: The NHS Plan promises 20,000 extra nurses, over 100 new hospitals and 7,000 extra beds. Controversially, it leads to more private sector involvement in the NHS.

2002: The Nursing and Midwifery Council was created, replacing the UKCC.

2004: The Agenda for Change contract comes into force, harmonising pay and career progression across separate staff groups.

2008: The Darzi review aims to shift NHS emphasis from increasing care quantity to improving quality.

2009: Gordon Brown launches the Prime Minister's Commission on the Future



Technology in Southampton University Hospital, 2003

of Nursing and Midwifery, with the aim of giving nurses more control of services and the direction of policy.



Nursing Times cancer nurse of the year, Helen Stradling, 2010

2012: Andrew Lanslev's controversial Health and Social Care Act is passed, replacing primary care trusts with clinical commissioning groups that give GPs power over funding local services.

2013: The hard-hitting Francis report is published on the care scandal at Mid Staffordshire Foundation Trust, making 290 recommendations.

2014: The NHS Five Year Forward View is published by NHS England. It sets out a future vision of the NHS based around the new models of care.

2014: The first strike over NHS pay in 32 years is held by nurses. Midwives also strike for the first time. The action follows a government decision not to introduce a 1% blanket pay increase for all NHS staff against a backdrop of increasing financial difficulties.

2016: The number of nurses and midwives on the NMC's register reaches a peak of 692,556 in March, before beginning to fall. It has previously increased in size year on year since 2013.

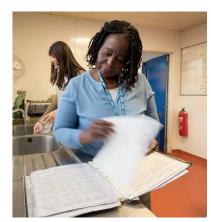
2016: Following the European Union referendum, nurse applicants from countries in Europe crash by 96% due to uncertainty around Brexit.

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Analysis

2017: The first group of 1,000 trainee nursing associates begin two-year programmes, marking the government's creation of a new role bridging the gap between healthcare assistants and nurses.

2017: The government abolishes the student nurse bursary in England, sparking a 23% reduction in the number of applicants to nursing degree courses.



Specialist eating disorders service, Phoenix Wing, 2015

2018: NHS unions accept a 6.5% pay rise over three years in England and a 9% pay rise in Scotland.

2018: Prime minister Theresa May promises a new 10-year plan for the NHS and says it will receive an average 3.4% funding increase annually from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

2018: The NHS celebrates its 70th birthday and a major nurse recruitment campaign is launched.



available to care for hospital

patients. However, there was

also a shortage of an

estimated 48,000 nurses.

Anatomy lesson, 1948

1950s

from the Caribbean starts to join the NHS workforce, as part of the so-called "Windrush" generation.

tranquillisers transforms mental health nursing.

into the main General Nursing Council register.

1950s: A large influx of nurses

1950s: Introduction of

1951: Male nurses are merged



Nurses taking an emergency patient across a busy road from one side of Cirencester Memorial Hospital to the other, 1966

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