

# Rebuilding Britain

History

Year 5/6

Lesson 4 of 7

Learning Objective		Resources
To consider ways in which the creation of the NHS improved the lives of people living in Britain.		Slides Worksheet 4A/4B/4C 1948 NHS Leaflet Challenge Card 4A (FSD? activity only)
Teaching Input		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you know what the NHS is? What does it do? How does it work? Briefly discuss, then show the brief description. The NHS was established in 1948; it was one of the most important milestones in the creation of the Welfare State.</li> <li>Before the NHS, health care in Britain was very different. Share the facts about health in the 1940s.</li> <li>The NHS was set up to ensure everyone would receive better health care. Children in particular benefitted; they were most at risk before its creation. How do you think the NHS was first created? What treatments and services did it offer? Allow some time for children to think, pair, share, then show the slide describing some features of the new NHS in 1948.</li> <li>The idea of free health care was so radical to many people that the government decided to produce leaflets, posters and information films to teach people about it. The slide shows a leaflet from 1948.</li> <li>Show the images of the post-war health minister, Aneurin Bevan, visiting a hospital alongside some images of NHS doctors and nurses today. Things have changed a bit! What do you notice? Discuss.</li> <li>Thanks to the NHS, health in Britain was transformed in the years after the war ended. Share the short list of achievements.</li> <li>Since its creation, many changes have been made to try and reduce the huge cost of the NHS. The slide briefly explains. Do you know of some changes? How do you think the NHS is different today?</li> </ul>		
Main Activity		
<u>Lower ability:</u>	<u>Middle ability:</u>	<u>Higher ability:</u>
Provide a copy of the 1948 NHS Leaflet and Worksheet 4A. Children are to read the leaflet, then answer questions about it.	Provide a copy of the 1948 NHS Leaflet and Worksheet 4B. Children are to read the leaflet, highlighting key information if they wish to (as instructed). They are then to write two bullet-point lists which summarise this key information, as instructed on the card.	Provide a copy of the 1948 NHS Leaflet and Worksheet 4C. Children are to read the leaflet, highlighting key information if they wish to (as instructed). They are then to write a simplified version of the leaflet in their own words which fits on a single page.
Fancy something different...?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenge Card 4A instructs children to either design a poster or a leaflet, or write a script for a radio advert, describing a service or treatment available from soon-to-start 1948 NHS. They must describe some benefits of the treatment and ensure the message of their design or script is attention-grabbing, and can be clearly understood.</li> </ul>		
Plenary		Assessment Questions
Show the Plenary slide: Think again about your experiences of the NHS. What do you think is the most amazing thing about it? Discuss.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can children describe some of the difficulties faced by ordinary people prior to the establishment of the NHS?</li> <li>Can children describe some of the care offered by the newly established NHS?</li> <li>Can children explain some effects caused by the establishment of the NHS?</li> </ul>