

# NHSRoadshow#VoteNHS

Presentation notes – not exactly a script but hopefully some useful pointers about what to say and links/ references to source material?

The presentation exists in a choice of three formats  
PowerPoint, Keynote and HTML



## SCRIPT

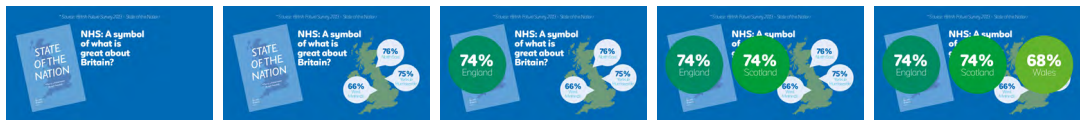
Slide Guidance / References



1 Intro



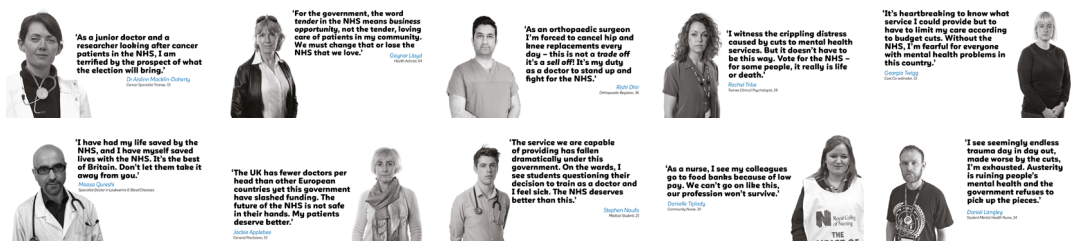
2 Why do you love the NHS or think the NHS matters?  
Why do you value the job you do?



3-7 British Future Survey 2013 showed majority of UK thought NHS was what was greatest about Britain – more than the Royal Family or cups of tea  
<http://www.britishfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/State-of-the-Nation-2013.pdf>



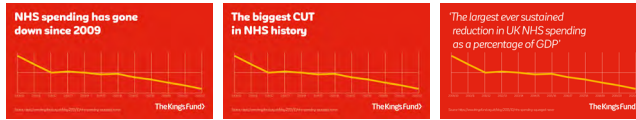
8&9 Healthworkers are increasingly worried about the nation's health...  
they think you should be too



10-19 Selection of quotes from spectrum of NHS healthworkers concerned about the NHS  
Please refrain from reading out the quotes instead note spectrum of occupations and concerns?



20 Ranked no 1 according to the Commonwealth Fund, a US-based organisation which assessed 11 international countries according to quality of care, access, equity, efficiency and cost including patient and doctor surveys plus OECD and WHO data <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/fund-reports/2014/jun/mirror-mirror>



21-23 Source: <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/2015/10/nhs-spending-squeezed-never>



24-26 Current GDP which is a measure of the value of the UK wealth or how much UK “produces” is the fifth largest economy in 2015. It is a choice to be spending less and less of such a big pie on healthcare.



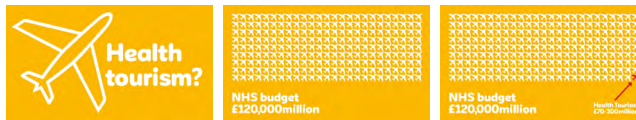
27-29 This relates to inpatient hospital beds. <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/nhs-in-a-nutshell/hospital-beds> 29,348 inpatient beds have closed since 2009 (from 158,461 to 129,083) which is over 20% of inpatient beds lost since 2009 (source NHS England: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/bed-data-overnight/>)



30-32 These are Government’s own damning parliamentary figures: <https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmselect/cmpubacc/731/731.pdf> <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3432742/The-8-500-patients-blocking-beds-day-lack-care-home-Major-report-warns-NHS-short-50-000-doctors-nurses-staff.html>



33 Source: OECD <https://data.oecd.org/healthqt/hospital-beds.htm>. 4th lowest in the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) and the lowest in the G7 (an informal bloc of industrialized countries: the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom)



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Health tourism is different to immigrants using and paying for healthcare from abroad which happens regularly in both directions ie in and out of the UK with reciprocal agreements within the EU. Health tourism is the intentional travel to use the NHS from outside of the EU without paying either through tax or at the point of use. These estimates are variable but are estimated to be in the order of 0.25% – and most importantly this has ALWAYS existed in the NHS right from its inception in 1948. The proportional spending on health tourism has actually gone down as a proportion of the annual NHS budget, not up.

Source: March 13, 1952. In Place of Fear A Free Health Service, Nye Bevan's Essays, 1952

<https://fullfact.org/health/health-tourists-how-much-do-they-cost-and-who-pays/>



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There is a lot of scapegoating of the elderly who have paid into the tax system their entire lives. These graphs demonstrate how there has been no sudden increase in the proportion of the elderly creating a sudden “burden” on the taxpayer. This has been a very gradual rise which has not precipitated this very sudden crisis.



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Not only is less money going in as a proportion of UK GDP since 2009 but there is more waste. The NHS is infinitely more complicated and bureaucratic than ever before and with each reform more a complex system of bodies are introduced requiring more expenditure and waste on use of a marketised system. The administration costs of running a “marketized” system in the NHS are estimated at £5-10 billion per annum which is almost 10% of the annual budget.

Sources: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/nhs-market-reform/>

<https://www.hsj.co.uk/comment/the-dangers-of-marketisation/5053782.article>



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<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2012/jul/05/pfi-cost-300bn>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/nhs/11748960/The-PFI-hospitals-costing-NHS-2bn-every-year.html>

<http://www.nhsforsale.info/privatisation-list/surgery/the-great-pfi-swindle.html>

<http://www.newstatesman.com/staggers/2014/07/save-nhs-labour-must-face-ugly-truth-pfi>



- 45 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 was the biggest top down reorganisation of the NHS you have never heard of.
- This massive legislation passed in 2012 removed the secretary of state's duty to provide healthcare for the first time since 1948. Not many people know this.
- It also locked into the NHS the facility for EXTERNAL companies to compete as "any qualified provider" for NHS services contracts through Clinical Commissioning Groups. These took over the role of Primary Care Trusts in deciding where spending goes in the NHS for hospital and community services. The idea was that GPs would be more in control of spending. The reality is that more bureaucrats, commissioners and corporate providers have more control rather than doctors.
- Since this act was passed there has been a huge increase in the number of contracts taken over by private providers such as Virgin Care which this graph demonstrates.



- 46-49 More evidence of private outsourcing ie selling NHS public services to be provided by private companies since 2012 according to BMA research.



- 50-51 There is a wealth of information on why the issues highlighted are particularly problematic for private healthcare.
- The USA is a market-based system with minimal state provision. It is the most expensive, least efficient and least accountable healthcare system with the highest levels of litigation and reported patient harm.
- Watch the film "Sicko" by Michael Moore. And "Sell off" a documentary on the NHS.
- <http://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2016-12-20-nhs-hospitals-outsource-cleaning-%E2%80%98linked-higher-rates-mrsa%E2%80%99>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jan/09/circle-hospital-private-firms-nhs-report-poor-care-hinchingbrooke>



- 52 Slide highlights Government's current tabled plans which would move the NHS closer to the "Kaiser Permanente" model which is a prominent insurance company in the USA. This was explicitly stated by Jeremy Hunt in May 2016 at a Parliamentary health committee meeting.
- Sources: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/health-committee/news-parliament-2015/spending-review-health-minister-evidence-15-16/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HyL-riKqgc>



- 51 Healthcare workers are extremely concerned for #ourNHS and are fighting for it. On 4th March 2017 there was the biggest NHS demonstration in history with over 250,000 people attending from all over the country.
- Doctors have not been on strike for 40 years but they went on strike in 2016. This was because the Government wanted to stretch junior doctors' hours from 5 normal working days to 7 normal working days with no extra doctors. We have seen the dire levels of understaffing. This is why doctors were so angry. The Royal College of Nurses have also changed their long held position on potentially considering strike action. This is how desperate the situation for hardworking staff has become.
- The NHS matters to all of us. We will all be patients. We will all need it. No body is exempt from sickness.



- 52 This is the leaflet that was posted through the door of every citizen on the eve of introduction of the NHS.
- It says everyone no matter who they are, rich or poor, man, woman or child can use the NHS. It will free you from the indignity of charity and give you freedom from money worries in times of illness.
- This principle remains even more pertinent today when healthcare costs are the biggest cause of bankruptcy in the USA.
- Does the UK want to move more towards a US style model of healthcare provision which is where we are currently headed or do we want something different?



- 53 Are there any legislative solutions?
- A legislative bill has been tabled – The NHS Bill which will legislate for the reinstatement of the NHS principles of universal publicly provided and comprehensive care. FYI: <http://www.nhsbill2015.org/the-bill/>
- It needs sufficient support to progress in Parliament.
- We welcome you adding your own region's voice here in relation to your local seats and voting for the particular parties who support a publicly funded and provided high quality well-resourced NHS.