

## LI: To analyse a primary source

### STS:

**I can evaluate and summarise what important information the source provides**

**I can say why the creation of the NHS was so important**

**I can discuss what life must have been like before the NHS for ordinary people**

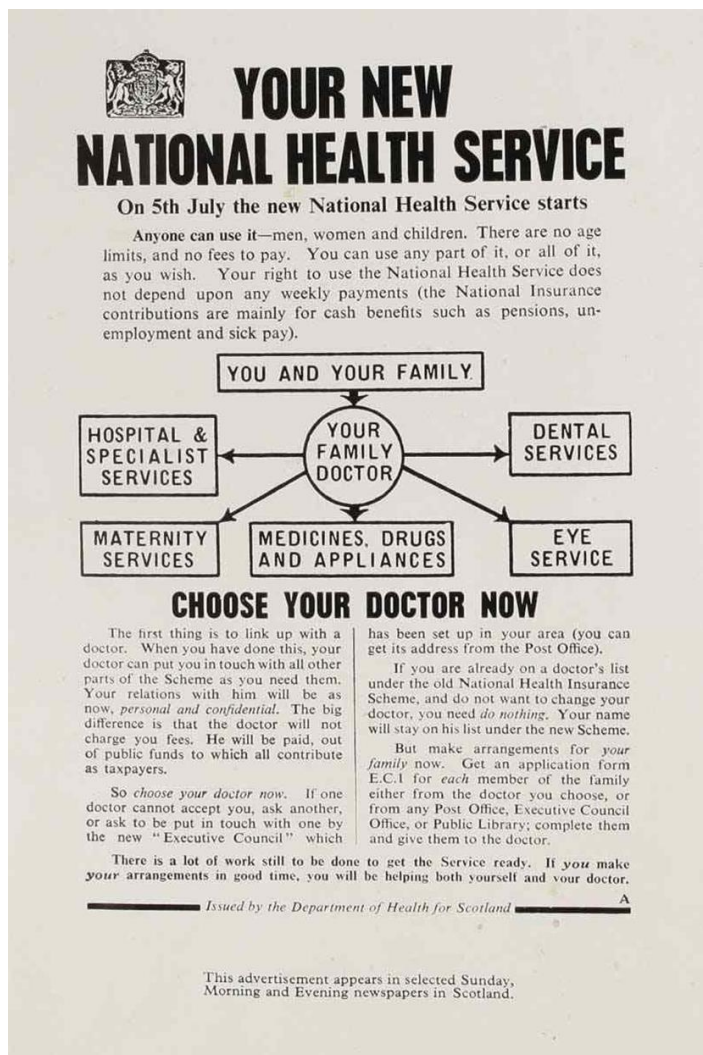
**Welfare-state, National Health Service, taxes, immigration, urbanisation, citizens**

1. What does this primary source tell you?
2. What recent events made having a National Health Service so important in 1948?
3. Where would the money come from according to the leaflet?
4. Why do you think that the creation of the NHS meant that people from all backgrounds and financial means lived longer?
5. Why was the NHS important for immigrants new to Britain?

### Extension:

Watch the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pnEMBqEG24&t=506s>

**What do you think life was like for ordinary people before the NHS? What problems would they have faced?**



**YOUR NEW NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

On 5th July the new National Health Service starts

Anyone can use it—men, women and children. There are no age limits, and no fees to pay. You can use any part of it, or all of it, as you wish. Your right to use the National Health Service does not depend upon any weekly payments (the National Insurance contributions are mainly for cash benefits such as pensions, unemployment and sick pay).

**YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

**YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR**

**HOSPITAL & SPECIALIST SERVICES**

**DENTAL SERVICES**

**MATERNITY SERVICES**

**MEDICINES, DRUGS AND APPLIANCES**

**EYE SERVICE**

**CHOOSE YOUR DOCTOR NOW**

The first thing is to link up with a doctor. When you have done this, your doctor can put you in touch with all other parts of the Scheme as you need them. Your relations with him will be as now, *personal and confidential*. The big difference is that the doctor will not charge you fees. He will be paid, out of public funds to which all contribute as taxpayers.

So *choose your doctor now*. If one doctor cannot accept you, ask another, or ask to be put in touch with one by the new "Executive Council" which has been set up in your area (you can get its address from the Post Office).

If you are already on a doctor's list under the old National Health Insurance Scheme, and do not want to change your doctor, you need *do nothing*. Your name will stay on his list under the new Scheme.

But make arrangements for *your family* now. Get an application form E.C.1 for *each* member of the family either from the doctor you choose, or from any Post Office, Executive Council Office, or Public Library; complete them and give them to the doctor.

There is a lot of work still to be done to get the Service ready. If *you* make *your* arrangements in good time, you will be helping both yourself and your doctor.

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