

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

THE ORIGINS AND ORGANISATION OF THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR



Beveridge and the Five Giant Evils

The origins of the welfare state

- Did you know that there was no nationally organised health or social care before the 1940s?
- Find out more about what healthcare was like before the NHS:
<https://theconversation.com/what-was-healthcare-like-before-the-nhs-99055>
<https://youtu.be/LOcB8O8KZNg>

Context

In 1942, the Beveridge Report was published. Beveridge was a labour politician and member of the coalition government of the time. He was commissioned to look at whether a more joined up system of 'social insurance schemes' could be created. His report stated that society needed to battle the Five Giant Evils (see below), with a 'cradle to grave' social programme. He recommended that people in work should pay a contribution into a state fund that could be used to provide people with the means to support daily living, in the form of sickness, medical, maternity, old age, unemployment, widows, orphans, industrial injury and funeral benefits. He also advocated for a free national health service.

You can read more here: <https://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/beveridge-report-foundationswelfare-state/>

Tasks

You will need to work to create a resource or room display on the Beveridge Report and the Five Giant Evils.

CHOOSE 1 OF THE FOLLOWING TASKS



1: The Beveridge Report

- You must create a visually appealing summary of the Beveridge Report. For example, you could use imagery relating to the phrase 'from cradle to grave'.
- Ensure that any key terms are defined. For example: social insurance scheme; and the different types of benefits Beveridge proposed.



2: Want

- You must create a poster on the first of the Five Giant Evils, what Beveridge called 'want'.
- Can you give examples of 'want' in 1942?
- Ensure it is clear what this term means.



3: Disease

- You must create a poster on the second of the Five Giant Evils – 'disease'.
- Can you give examples of common diseases in 1942?
- Ensure it is clear what this term means.



4: Ignorance

- You must create a poster on the third of the Five Giant Evils, what Beveridge called 'ignorance'.
- Can you give examples of 'ignorance' in 1942?
- Ensure it is clear what this term means.



5: Squalor

- You must create a poster on the fourth of the Five Giant Evils, what Beveridge called 'squalor'.
- Can you give examples of 'squalor' in 1942? - Ensure it is clear what this term means.



6: Idleness

- You must create a poster on the first of the Five Giant Evils, what Beveridge called 'idleness'.
- Can you give examples of 'idleness' in 1942?
- Ensure it is clear what this term means.



Read All About It!

Bevan and the Birth of the NHS

Daily Herald, Editor's Briefing

4th July 1948

STOP PRESS: NEWS JUST IN

Tomorrow the first National Health Service will be launched by our government. We need to ensure we cover this story. We need three articles writing urgently.

1. A Profile of Mr Aneurin Bevan

The public want to know; who is Mr Bevan? Where did he get his ideas from?

2. A human interest story

We have been tipped off that the first patient to be treated by this new service will be 13-year-old Sylvia Diggory. We need to know who she is and what she is having treatment for. If anyone can get a direct quote for her it can go on the front page!

3. What can we expect from our National Health Service?

We need to know how it will work, who will pay for it and what services we can expect.

View a 1948 information film about the new National Health Service here:

<https://youtu.be/VFhEB3gG8HA>

Hear from a nurse, a surgeon and a patient about the early days of the NHS here: <https://youtu.be/VFhEB3gG8HA>



Happy Birthday NHS A Timeline

- On 5th July 2023, we celebrated the 75th birthday of the NHS.
- A huge number of important events and changes have occurred in that period.
- Your challenge is to create a timeline to illustrate the changes the NHS has been through.
- You can also add in some key medical and nursing achievements, for example, first organ transplant, first robotic surgery, first HIV treatment, first COVID-19 vaccination and so on.
- You could present your timeline as a wall display, video, Prezi, or as a 3D 'washing line' display across your classroom.

Resources to help you

A (very) brief history of the NHS in England

<https://youtu.be/Ls77cy08rsY>

The history of the NHS <https://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/health-and-social-care-explained/the-history-of-the-nhs>

The NHS at 70: A timeline in pictures

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-44613043>

70 defining moments in 70 years of the NHS

<https://news.sky.com/story/nhs-at-70-seventy-defining-moments-11355029>

Timeline: Key events in the history of the NHS and nursing

<https://www.nursingtimes.net/nhs-75th-birthday/timeline-key-events-in-the-history-of-the-nhsand-nursing-09-06-2023/>

Remember, you won't be able to include everything, so choose your events wisely!