



# THE DIRTY WAR ON THE NHS

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COMPILED BY OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

### News Articles

[How the Pandemic Revealed Britain's National Illness](#) (The Atlantic, 2020)

*Outlines the flaws in the British response to COVID-19 and investigates their institutional basis within the structures of the NHS.*

[Brexit: We must never trade what we value; our NHS and our health](#) (BMJ, 2020)

*Reaffirmation of the importance of health and the dangers that Brexit poses to health policy, both directly to the NHS and indirectly to other sectors, such as food standards and agriculture.*

[How to protect the NHS in a post-Brexit trade deal with the US](#) (The Conversation, 2019)

*Shows how a potential deal between the US and UK might influence drug prices within the UK, and suggests political solutions to ensure this does not happen.*

[The Best Health Care System in the World: Which One Would You Pick?](#) (New York Times, 2017)

*Provides pitches on healthcare systems in different countries, invites readers to choose their favorite, and compares them with each other, concluding Switzerland as the best healthcare system in the game.*

[Laughing, Crying, and Worrying About the N.H.S.](#) (New Yorker, 2018)

*Explains the working conditions in the NHS based on the diary of a former doctor, and assesses the resulting negative view in light of the Brits unflinching support of the NHS system.*

### Report

[How does UK healthcare spending compare with other countries?](#) (ONS, 2019)

*Uses standardized data by the OECD to compare different dimensions of health care expenditure, for example share of healthcare expenditure from GDP, source of healthcare expenditure and spending specifically on governance or long-term care.*



### Scientific Publications

Frith, L. (2012). [The NHS and market forces in healthcare: the need for organisational ethics](#). *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 39, 17-21.

<https://doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2012-100713>

*Argues that the reforms of 2012 have created a new work environment which has increased the need for an "organisational ethics" approach in the NHS, thus adding on to other relevant forms of applied ethics (such as healthcare ethics or bioethics).*

Hiam, L., Dorling, D., Harrison, D., & McKee, M. (2017). [What caused the spike in mortality in England and Wales in January 2015?](#) *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*, 110(4), 131–137. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0141076817693600>

*Compares different possible explanations for a sudden increase in mortality in England and Wales, concluding a suspected link between high numbers of deaths among the elderly and austerity within the health system.*

Papanicolas, I., Mossialos, E., Gundersen, A., Woskie, L., & Jha, A. K. (2019). [Performance of UK National Health Service compared with other high income countries: Observational study](#). *The BMJ*, 367. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.l6326>

*Compares the performance of the NHS in terms of financing, service provision, and health outcomes with other high-income countries; concluding that the NHS has fared reasonably well so far, but noting recent trends that suggest increased spending and increased number of staff will become necessary.*

Krachler, N., & Greer, I. (2015). [When does marketisation lead to privatisation? Profit-making in English health services after the 2012 Health and Social Care Act](#). *Social Science and Medicine*, 124, 215–223.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.11.045>

*Analyses the developments of the NHS after the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and provides a framework linking profit-making, privatisation, and marketization to predict future developments.*



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## **Other Resources**

[Sell Off NHS](#) (Film by Bob Gill, 2014)

[The Great NHS Heist](#) (Film by Bob Gill, 2019)

[The Great NHS Heist - An Interview with Bob Gill at Premiere of his new film last week](#)  
(Real Media, 2019)

*Article providing a summary of the movie as well as an interview with director Bob Gill on the privatisation of the NHS.*

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