

# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## The Future

Legislation was introduced in Scotland in 2014 which will see the integration of health and social care over the coming decades.

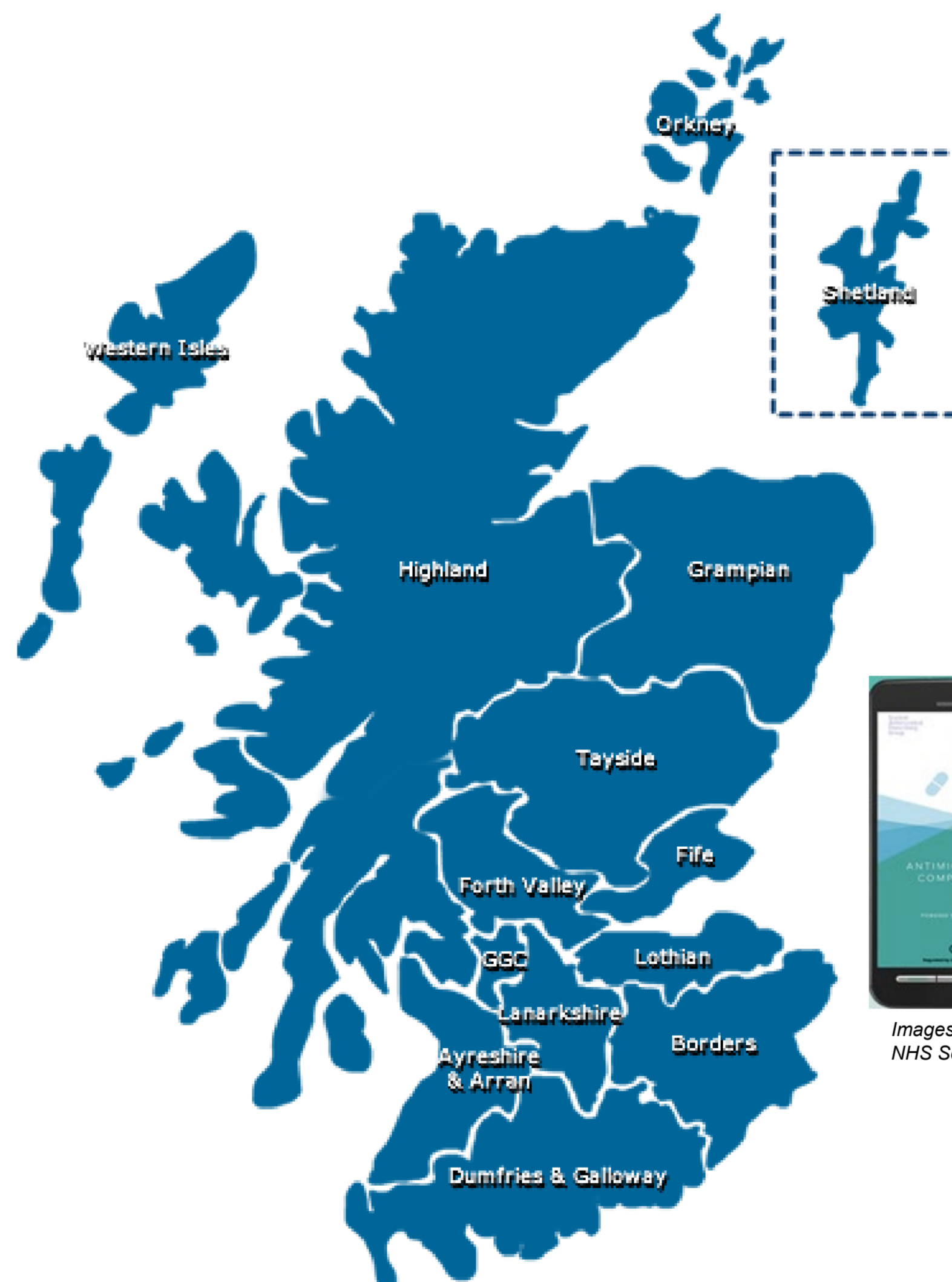


Edinburgh Napier University nursing students (image credit: Royal College of Nursing)

**2017**  
Fiona McQueen, Chief Nursing Officer for Scotland launches **"Nursing 2030 Vision"**, a national strategy for nursing in Scotland going forward.



**NURSING 2030 VISION:**  
PROMOTING CONFIDENT, COMPETENT AND COLLABORATIVE NURSING FOR SCOTLAND'S FUTURE



Images credit: NHS Scotland

**2017**  
Royal College of Nursing introduces **Credentialing** to recognise nurses working at an Advanced Practice Level with Prescribing Qualifications.

**2018**  
Royal College of Nursing advocate **"Every nurse an e-Nurse"** to improve the uptake of technology by nurses in the NHS in the future.



Images credit: NHS Scotland



Images credit: NHS Scotland

**2017**  
The Best Start will see one midwife following a woman through pregnancy to birth and postnatal care in Scotland.



Images credit: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Increasing numbers of nurses and midwives undertake MSc and PhD postgraduate studies.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

1. Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014. Edinburgh: TSO. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/9/contents/enacted>
2. Royal College of Nursing. (2018). Credentialing. London: Royal College of Nursing. Retrieved from: <https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/professional-services/credentialing>
3. Scottish Government (2017) Nursing 2030 Vision. Edinburgh: Scottish Government. Retrieved from: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00522376.pdf>
4. Scottish Government. (2017). The Best Start A Five-Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care in Scotland. Edinburgh: Scottish Government. Retrieved from: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00513175.pdf>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)

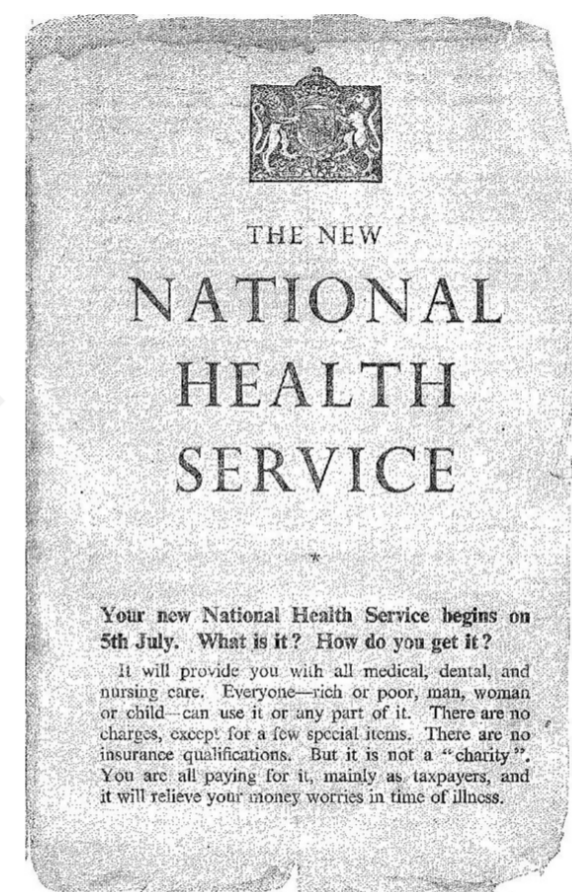


# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## In the beginning – 1940s

In 1946, the NHS Act was approved by parliament under a Labour government to establish the National Health Service and provide free healthcare to all who needed it, funded through central taxation.



Health Minister, Aneurin Bevan, with nurses on the 1st day of the NHS – 5th July 1948 at Park Hospital, Davyhulme near Manchester

There was a shortage of 48,000 nurses in the UK in 1948 but by 1952 estimates are 245,000 whole time equivalent nurses were employed in the NHS.

State enrolled nurses were formally recognised during the 1940's and received two years' hospital training instead of three.

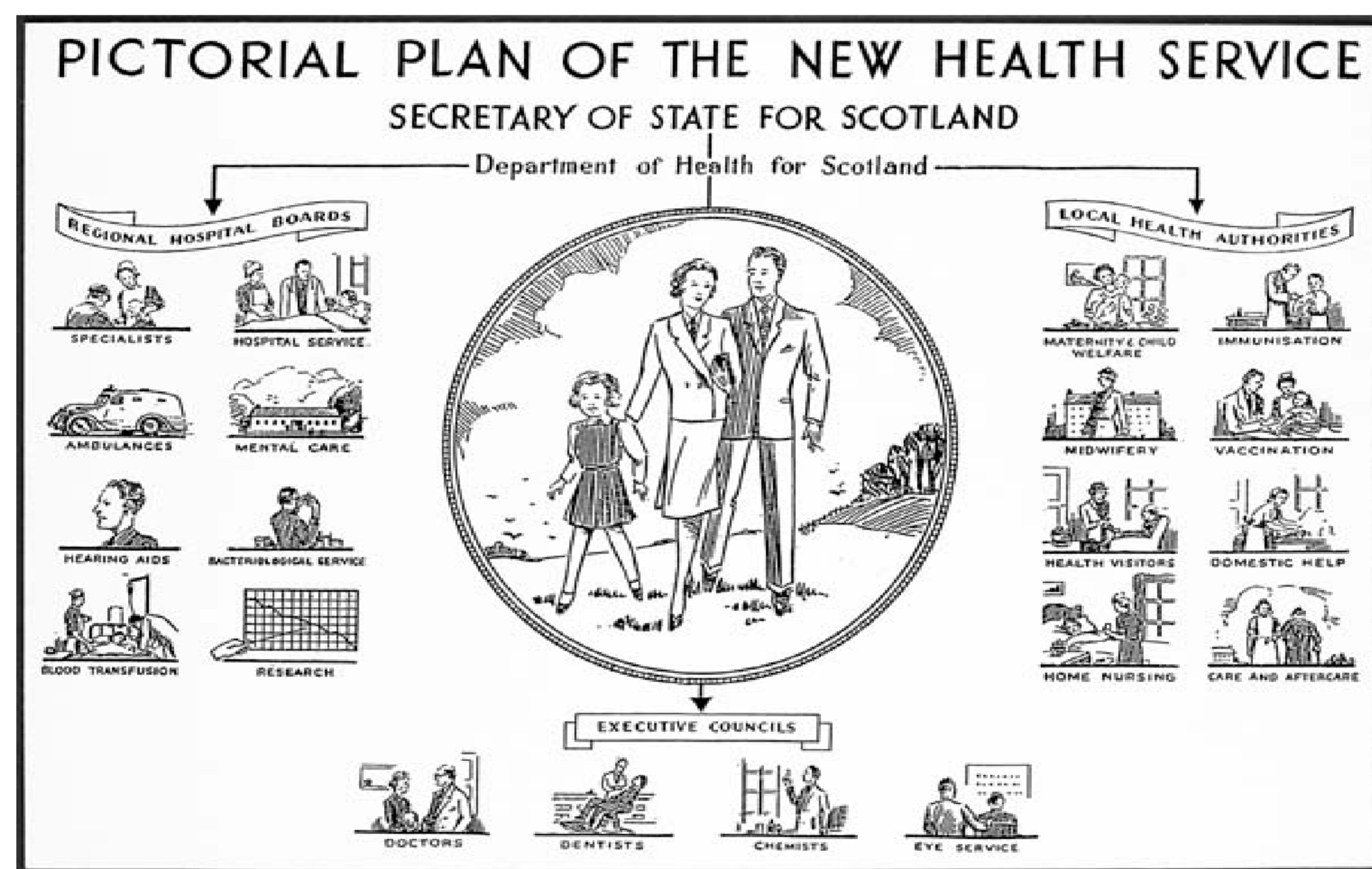


Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library

*“This is the biggest single experiment in social service that the world has ever seen undertaken.”*  
- Aneurin Bevan (1948)



Royal Infirmary Edinburgh School of Nursing badge (Image Credit: Memories of Nursing)



Registered general nurses Scotland badge (Image Credit: Memories of Nursing)



The Nurses Act 1949 established a framework outlining the important role of nursing within the NHS.

*“It is the policy of the Government to relieve nurses of all work not requiring nursing skill.”* - Baron Shepherd, House of Lords Chief Whip (1949)



(Image credit: IWM (MOW) L 55651)

The introduction of **penicillin** in the 1940s began the era of antibiotics in nursing.



(Image Credit: Science Museum London)

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

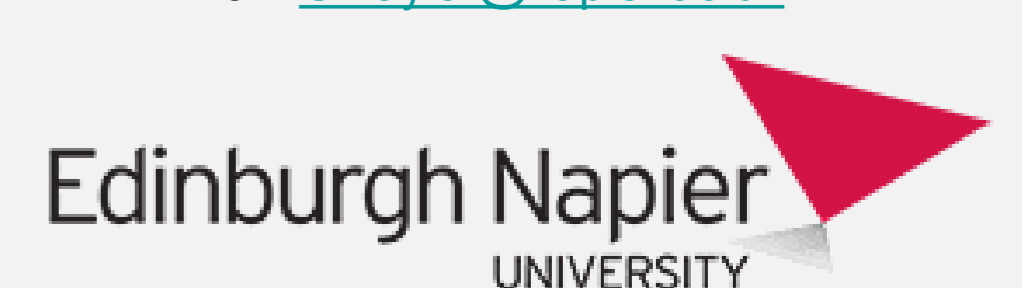
We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70th anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

- Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
- Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
- NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
- Lothian Health Service Archive. Available at: <http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.html>
- Memories of Nursing (2018) Available at: <https://memoriesofnursing.uk/articles/nurses-badges>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)



# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



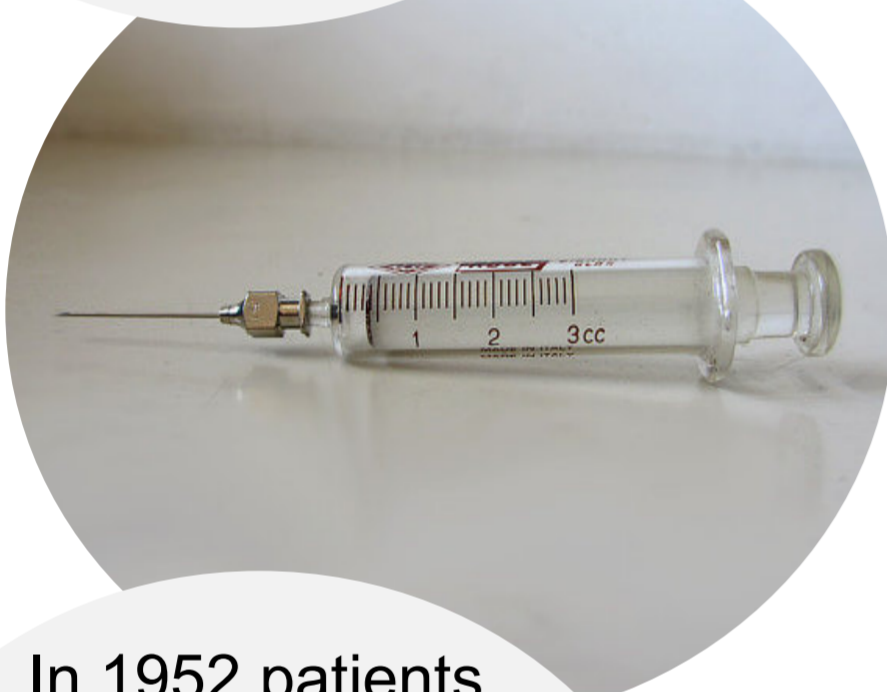
## 1950s

Airlifts of Scottish tuberculosis (TB) patients to Switzerland. Rising levels of TB and a chronic shortage of beds and nurses lead to a special scheme for Scottish patients to be treated in Swiss sanatoria in 1951.



Patients in ward, 1953, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

First mass vaccination programme in 1958. There were 8,000 polio and 70,000 diphtheria cases yearly before vaccinations were offered to all children under the age of 15.



In 1952 patients started to be charged for prescriptions, costing one shilling (5p) each. This fee was abolished in Scotland in 2011 but the cost in England is now £8.80.



The first Nursing Studies Unit was established at the University of Edinburgh in 1959  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

**“Patients who are fit to live in the community....should not be in large mental institutions.”**  
- Percy Commission (1957)

**1953**  
Report by the Standing Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Committee on the **Job Analysis of the Work of Nurses in Hospital Wards** prepared by the Nuffield Provincial Hospital Trust



Working Party on the Recruitment and Training of Health Visitors.

**“Co-operation between general practitioners and health visitors....is lacking in many cases at the moment...” – Arthur Blenkinsop MP (1956)**



Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Surgical Outpatients Department  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

Male nurses join the main nursing register in 1951.

A large influx of Caribbean people entered into British nurse training.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

1. Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
2. Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
3. NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
4. Lothian Health Service Archive. Available at: <http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.html>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)



# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## 1960s

The Platt Report to reform nursing education published by the Royal College of Nursing in 1964



Patients in training, 1960's, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

**1961**  
Thalidomide prescribed for morning sickness found to cause limb deformities in children.



**1964**  
400 cases of typhoid were diagnosed in Aberdeen but no fatalities. Outbreak traced to tinned corned beef which was contaminated.



Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Surgical Outpatients Department  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

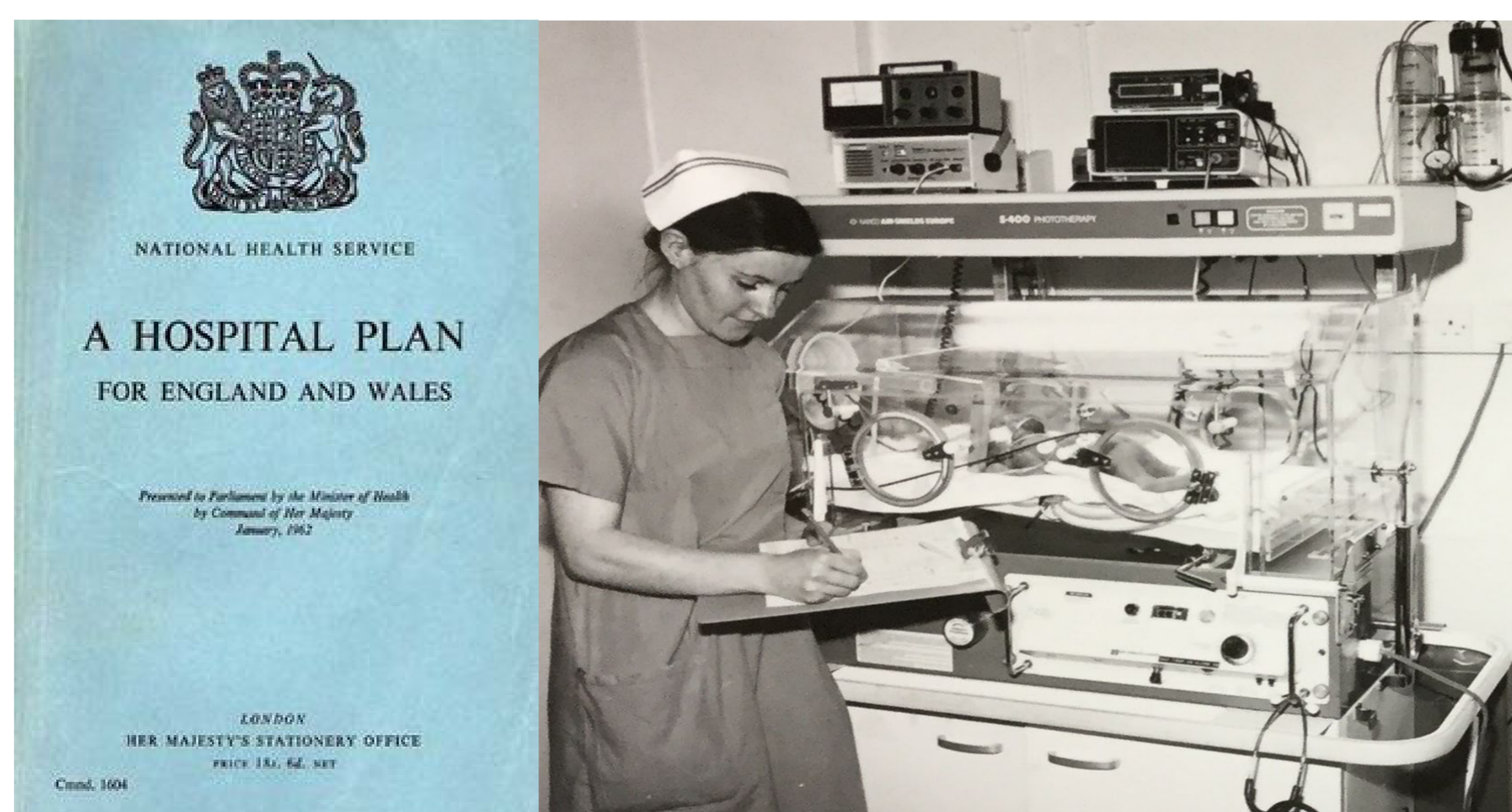
### Salmon Report – 1967

Recommends nursing staff structure & nurses involvement in hospital management paving the way for the profession to have managerial status.



**1967**  
Abortion Act was passed which legalised abortions up to 28 weeks' gestation for all women.

A Hospital Plan (1962)  
- development of district general hospitals  
**“This plan ....will provide for patients... an environment which will challenge comparison with that available anywhere in the world” – Enoch Powell, Minister for Health (1962)**



A Hospital Plan (1962) & Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Surgical Outpatients Department  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

Report of the Committee on Local Authority and Allied Personal Social Services

**“A community based and family oriented service, which will be available to all” – Seebohm Report (1969)**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

1. Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
2. Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
3. NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
4. YouTube videos about nursing in the 1960s  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tpe1XOiqOI&list>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RXCxZXhZnU>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)



# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## 1970s

The first major reorganisation of NHS Scotland took place in 1972 to ensure a more efficient and fully integrated health service.



Nurses of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Peter the Pelican, 1972  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)



### 1973

Chief Scientist Office (CSO) was set up in the Health Department at the Scottish Office to support research in NHS Scotland.



### 1974

Glasgow Coma Scale was created which is still used worldwide to assess a patient's level of consciousness.



Physiotherapy at the Western General Hospital, early 1970s  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

### 1974

Halsbury Committee on pay and conditions of nurses and midwives awards pay increases of up to 40% after industrial action & a march on Downing St by nurses.

*"The recommendation will certainly simplify pay structure"* – *British Medical Journal*

### 1974

Formal provision of free contraceptive advice and family planning services to all, irrespective of age or marital status.

### Briggs Report - 1971

- Recommended nursing education could only be learnt properly in clinical settings
  - Suggested two-tier training course with two grades of nursing
- Proposed a new statutory body to control nursing & midwifery -> laying the foundations for the first regulator the UKCC.



Special Care Baby Unit ambulance, donated by the Variety club to the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion in 1975  
(Image Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

### Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1979/36/contents>

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

- Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
- Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
- NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
- Lothian Health Service Archive. Available at: <http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.html>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)

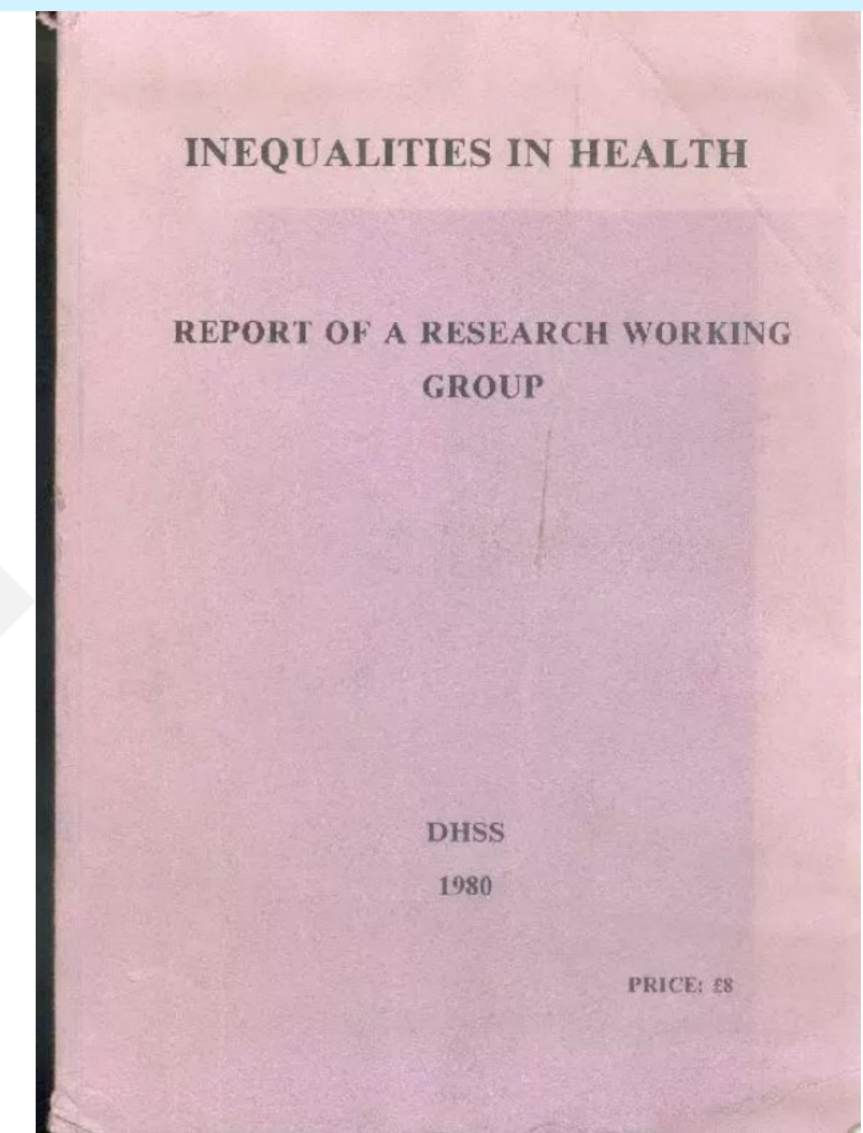


# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## 1980s

Despite improvements in UK health relating to 32 years of NHS care provision The Black Report (1980) highlights that these improvements have not been consistently attained between wealthy and poor. These health inequalities are attributed to social and economic factors.



**1983**  
UKCC for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting is launched and commences a live register for nurses and midwives. Four branches of nursing are established. Mental Health, Children, Learning Disability and Adult.



Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Shop 1982 - Cigarettes and Chocolate  
(Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

**1980**  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)  
The world's first clinical MRI scanner opens at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

**1983**  
The Griffiths' Report introduced General Management to the NHS removing financial control from clinicians.

*"If Florence Nightingale were carrying her lamp through the corridors of the NHS today she would almost certainly be searching for the people in charge"* - Roy Griffiths comment after an NHS Management Inquiry in 1983



**1986**  
Project 2000 sets out plans for a move to Diploma Level Nurse and Midwifery Education based in colleges and Universities.

**1982**  
The first case of AIDS is diagnosed within Scotland. The sharing of needles among drug users proves a major source of HIV infection, As many as 52% of drug users in Edinburgh were infected.



Lothian Health Board's 1989 'Take Care Campaign' poster designed to dispel frequently held myths about AIDS.  
(Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

This move was criticised by many nurses and midwives who could not see the relevance of academic education for clinical practice.



Established 1985  
Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

1. Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
2. Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
3. NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
4. Lothian Health Service Archive. Available at: <http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.html>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)



# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## 1990s

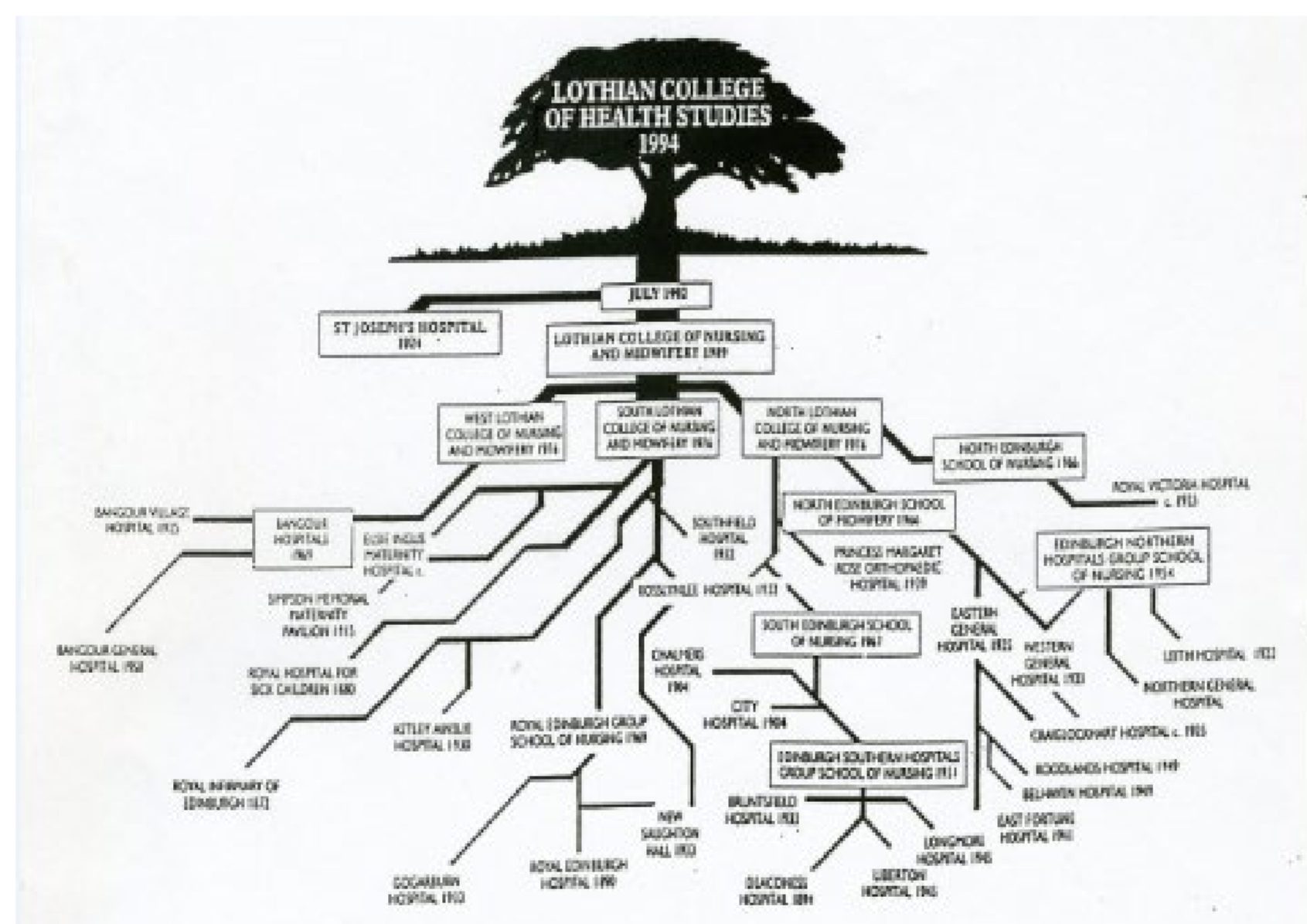
Launched in 1991, the 1989 Government White Paper **“Working for Patients”** introduced radical changes by introducing fund holding GPs, distinct boundaries between purchasing and providing services and a culture of competition through the establishment of NHS Trusts.



Edinburgh Napier University Simulation and Clinical Skills Canaan Lane - 1990s

### 1996

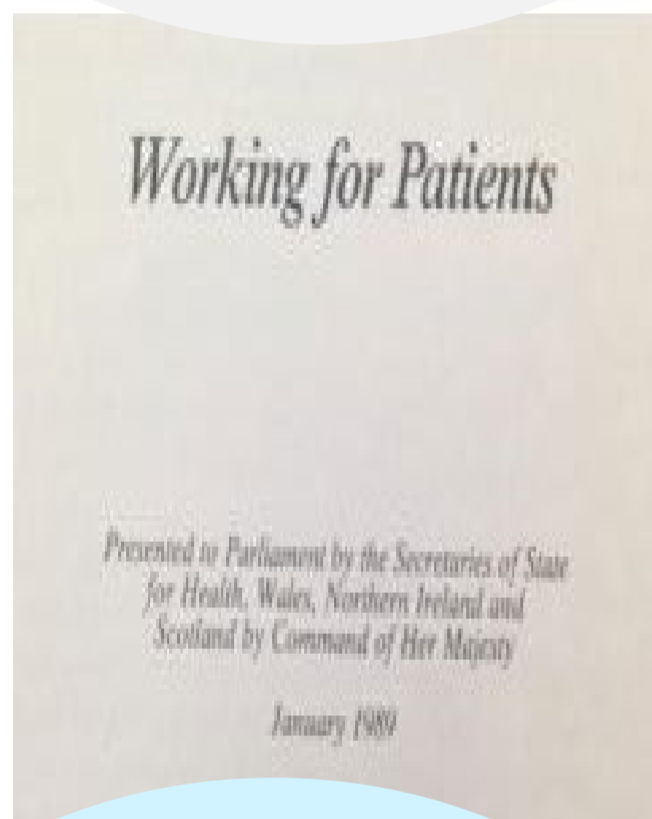
Nurse and Midwifery Education moves from NHS Lothian to Edinburgh Napier University. The Faculty of Health Studies is created following a merger with Lothian College of Health Studies and the Scottish Borders College of Nursing.



(Courtesy of Lothian Health Services Archive, Edinburgh University Library)

### 1992

**“Health of the Nation”** Government White Paper targeting:  
Cancers  
Coronary Heart Disease  
HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health  
Mental Health and Accidents  
Important strategy often credited with changing the NHS focus from illness to health.



### 1993

Department of Health **“Changing Childbirth”** emphasises the importance of choice for women and the role of midwives as primary caregivers supporting women through uncomplicated pregnancy & childbirth.



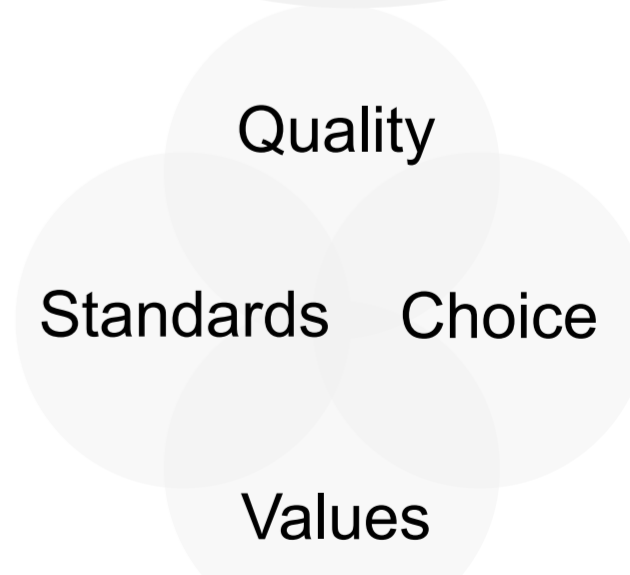
Twins delivered by Margaret Moran, current member of Edinburgh Napier University School of Health and Social Care academic staff – Jan 1991



1990s Canaan Lane Campus: Communication before email!

### October 1991

John Major, the Conservative Prime Minister, launches **“The Patient’s Charter”** ensuring the NHS is more accountable to its users through the four pillars:



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

- Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
- Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
- NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
- Lothian Health Service Archive. Available at: <http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.html>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)



# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## 2000s

The Nursing and Midwifery Council supersedes the UKCC and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) was established in 2002.



Image credit: Health Improvement Scotland - iHub

**2002**  
Nurses are able to prescribe medication.

**2004**  
Royal College of Nursing members vote for degree only education for nurses.



Image credit: Health Improvement Scotland - iHub

**2004**  
Agenda for Change introduces a new national grading and pay system for nurses, midwives and other health professionals in the NHS.

**2006**  
383,000 nurses and midwives were employed by the NHS, a 24% increase over 1997 levels.



**2002**  
“The Review flags the need for a very substantial increase in resources for health and social care.”  
– Derek Wanless

The Wanless Review paved the way for unprecedented increases in NHS funding.

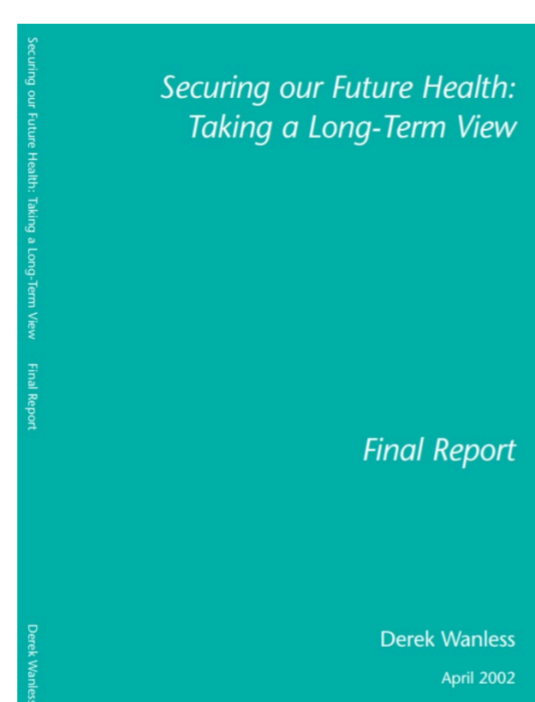
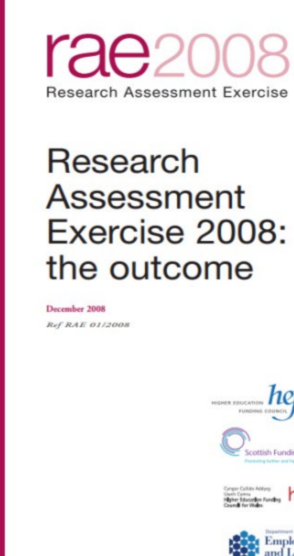


Image credit: Health Improvement Scotland - iHub



**2008**  
Nursing research was among the subjects with the most highly rated research in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

1. Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
2. Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
3. NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
4. Lothian Health Service Archive. Available at: <http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.html>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)





# Celebrating 70 years of Nursing and Midwifery in NHS Scotland



## 2010 – present

Updated standards for pre-registration nursing and midwifery education are published by the NMC in May 2018



Nursing students training at Edinburgh Napier University, 1996 – 2014

**2011**

Scottish Government publishes 2020 Vision for Health and Social Care.

*“We want to ensure that adult health and social care services are firmly integrated around the needs of individuals, their carers and other family members” – Nicola Sturgeon, 2011*



School of Health & Social Care nursing and midwifery badge

*“The events at Mid-Staffordshire were a tragic story of targets being put before clinical judgement and patient care”*

Andrew Lansley – Secretary of State for Health, 2010. A public inquiry is launched into Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust.



Scrap the cap campaign marches in London - June 2017 (Image credit: Royal College of Nursing)



(Image credit: Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland)

*“Nurses are the largest single profession within the health service....Degree level education will provide new nurses with the decision-making skills they need to make high-level judgements in the transformed NHS”*

- Ann Keen, Health Minister, 2013

**2016**

UK votes to leave the European Union. Fears Brexit could contribute to a nursing shortage.



**2011**

Edinburgh Napier University opens its new £60m state-of-the-art Sighthill Campus to educate future nurses and midwives.



School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus

**2016**

50,015 registered nurses employed in NHS Scotland.

9,939 average total number of nurses in training each year since 2007.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We gratefully acknowledge public engagement funding from the School of Health and Social Care at Edinburgh Napier University.

We would also like to thank all staff and students at Edinburgh Napier University and practising nurses and midwives who contributed to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Health Service via this project. A special thank you to the Lothian Health Service Archive at the University of Edinburgh for assistance

## REFERENCES

1. Rivett, G. (2018) NHS History, Available at: <http://www.nhshistory.net/Chapter%201.htm#Nursing>
2. Nuffield Trust (2018) NHS Timeline. Available at: <http://nhstimeline.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>
3. NHS Scotland (2017) 60 years of History in the NHS in Scotland. Available at: <https://www.60yearsofnhsscotland.co.uk/history/>
4. Lothian Health Service Archive. Available at: <http://www.lhsa.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.html>

## CONTACT

Gillian Taylor, School of Health and Social Care, Edinburgh Napier University, Sighthill Campus, Edinburgh, EH11 4BZ, United Kingdom  
Email: [G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk](mailto:G.Taylor@napier.ac.uk)

