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HEALTH CARE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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The National Healthcare System in the UK allows every resident of the country to receive the necessary medical care for free. Despite certain shortcomings, the system is a great conquest of the country.

Since 1948, the UK has had the National Healthcare System (NHS), funded by taxpayers, and provided most of the medical care free of charge to any legal resident in the country. Prior to the war, health was a mixture of private, municipal and charity events. It was decided that the system should be national, unlike the one provided by the local authorities. According to his plan, every UK resident was assigned a local therapist to whom the first should be addressed in the event of a health problem.

There are now separate NHSs for parts of the country. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are governed by the autonomous parliaments, but England doesn't have its own separate legislature. This function is performed by the national parliament in England. The British Parliament has assigned local management to ten regional health authorities whose mission is to oversee the NHS's activities in their regions.

Not all services of the National Health Care System are free, particularly the treatment of teeth, eye examinations, many aspects of personal care, prescription medicine.

The national health system is mainly financed by taxes, both from general and from payments for compulsory national insurance, deducted from the earnings of each worker in Britain.

After the introduction of the National Healthcare System in Britain, the private medicine is used by about 8 percent of the country's population.

Although NHS is often criticized in the media for its queues for surgery, the lack of staff, and the exploitation of foreigners who may not use it, the British generally consider it to be a great achievement of their country.

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