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The principle on which the National Health Service (NHS) was founded is a noble one built out of an increasing understanding that a civilized society must look after its poorest and sickest people and beyond that, that healthcare should be provided for all citizens regardless of their personal wealth.

2008 is the 60th anniversary of the NHS and Gordon Brown marked this auspicious occasion by giving a speech at the beginning of the year paying tribute to NHS staff. He also emphasised that in the last 10 years, there have been vast improvements in the service being offered, and ongoing developments and plans to keep the NHS at the forefront of the world's medical services. By doing this, of course he was giving himself and his government a large pat on the back, but although it may seem to the general public that the situation in the NHS is worse than it ever has been, with constant media reports of hospital infections, job cuts and overspending, it is true to say that huge amounts have been spent on our hospitals, particularly on replacing and upgrading existing facilities. Tired old buildings that were stretched way beyond their original capacity have been given a facelift or replaced altogether to try and restore the public's faith in the ability of the NHS to deliver a 21st century service.

The only question now is: who is paying for all of this?? To be continued...

Newsflash

It was reported recently that 10,000 nurses and midwives left the NHS in 2007 to seek employment abroad. There has been a 75% increase in nurses going to work in Australia alone in the last 3 years, let alone anywhere else. It has also been predicted that the NHS is edging ever closer to a staffing crisis especially as 2008 is the year when patients have been promised that the journey between visiting their GP and receiving treatment for their ailments will be no longer than 18 weeks! Whether or not this will be achieved remains to be seen but it is a government promise and our leader, Gordon Brown has been suffering quite badly at the polls lately and will be desperate to keep this one on track.

Therefore, the time couldn't be better for those of you wanting to come and find jobs with the UK's largest employer, the National Health Service, there are jobs aplenty, 9220 at last

count and that's just the advertised ones! There are also plenty of good opportunities with private companies so whichever you prefer, send us your updated CV, tell us when you're coming over and we'll get on with the job hunt for you!

Professional Registration

Don't forget that if you wish to come and work in the United Kingdom most health professionals must be registered with the appropriate UK body.

Nurses must register with the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC), **website: www.nmc-uk.org**

Allied Health Professionals (physiotherapists, radiographers, biomedical scientists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, dietitians, operating department practitioners, clinical scientists, arts therapists, orthoptists, chiropodists/podiatrists, paramedics, prosthetists & orthotists) must register with the Health Professions Council (HPC), **website: www.hpc-uk.org**

Doctors must register with the General Medical Council (GMC), **website: www.gmc-uk.org**

Pharmacists must register with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB), **website: www.rpsgb.org.uk**

Psychologists must register with the British Psychological Society (BPS), **website: www.bps.org.uk**

Dentists and dental technicians must register with the General Dental Council (GDC), **website: www.gdc-uk.org**

Audiologists and cardiac physiologists are under no obligation to register yet.

All of these regulatory bodies expect applicants from countries outside the EEA whose first language is not English to pass some form of English language test.

Please get in touch with Kate at kates@hriconsult.com for more information about registration.



Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Are you a registered ODP or a theatre nurse or do you know any that you can refer to us? We have lots of great opportunities for you so please send us your CV immediately! Also cardiac, ITU & senior A&E nurses, echo technicians, radiographers and ultrasonographers. And lots more...

The North East

The north east is one of the 9 official regions of England and is made up of the counties of Northumberland, County Durham, Tyne & Wear and Tees Valley. Famous for such outstanding features as Hadrian's Wall, a fortification built 2000 years ago to mark the borders of Roman settlement and to keep out the fierce Scottish tribes and Durham cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the finest examples of a Norman cathedral in Europe.

The north east was once well-known for being the shipbuilding hub of England but this industry went into sharp decline during the latter part of the 20th century causing an economic slump in the area out of which it is only just beginning to haul itself. It is now starting to make a name for itself as a centre for art and culture and scientific research. People from this area are known as 'Geordies' and have a very pronounced accent which those who are not used to it may find difficult to understand. This dialect or language, unlike English, is derived not so much from French and Latin but from Viking and Angle, the ancient languages of the fearless adventurers who invaded this part of England hundreds of years ago.

Geordies is now the more common term for the supporters of the Newcastle football team which has a very loyal fanbase of around 50,000 optimists who turn up faithfully to every game in their black and white stripes, despite having not won any sort of major footballing honour for nearly 40 years.

As for health concerns, the Geordies are not far behind their Scottish neighbours to the north in terms of the poor health of their populace. The rate of heart attacks for men and lung cancer for women is the highest in England, and the rate of lung cancer for men is the highest in the entire UK. Geordies are known to be keen on a tippie also and the trademark beer produced in the area is the legendary Newcastle Brown Ale. In fact, there is an urban myth that there was once a separate ward in the local hospital for those who consumed rather too much of this particular beverage over the years! One way or another, the hospitals are always kept busy and lots of healthcare workers are required to keep the members of this interesting and historic part of the country healthy.

Next featured area: The university towns of Oxford & Cambridge in the Summer issue.

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