

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the National Health Service on the 5th July 1948, Keep Gloucestershire's NHS Public are organising " [NHS70Stroud](#) " - a variety of events and activities – and hoping to encourage the residents of Stroud to celebrate and reflect on the principles of the NHS and their value.

We are organising:

An [all-day celebration event on Saturday 7th July](#) (Website) at the Lansdown Hall and in Bank Gardens: [70 years of the NHS-Stroud event](#)
(Facebook event)

An [exhibition from 25th June – 1st July](#) (Website) at the Lansdown Gallery: [People Vs PFI Exhibition-How come we're still paying for this?](#)
(Facebook event)

We need funding for venue hire, public liability insurance, publicity and display materials, and to cover the expenses of our special guests. We'd also like to pay a film-maker to create a record of the event. [Donate via GoFundMe](#) .

We've been lucky enough to receive some funding already, but have also had a setback with a significant grant being denied. We are keen to run a free event open to all, and we'd be really grateful to anyone who is able to help. We think the 70th anniversary of the NHS is a significant moment for the country and we want to ensure there is a celebration worthy of the occasion. The principles of the NHS - that all should be able to receive health care, and access the treatment they need, free at the point of use, funded by general taxation - are just relevant today as ever. These principles need our support and the 70th anniversary is a great moment to consider their value and commit to improving the NHS. [Donate via GoFundMe](#) .

As Aneurin Bevan wrote in his book "In Place of Fear" in 1952:

“Society becomes more wholesome, more serene, and spiritually healthier, if it knows that its citizens have at the back of their consciousness the knowledge that not only themselves, but all their fellows, have access, when ill, to the best that medical skill can provide.”