

# The Peter Fisher Essay Prize 2023

**“Is the 1948 model of access to free healthcare for all still appropriate today?”**

- £500 first prize
- £200 second prize



- Open to all doctors in training
- Your essay should be under **2000** words (excluding references) and use the title shown above. Insert your name, current post and email address below the title
- Closing date for submission 31st July 2023
- Winning and runners-up essays will be published in the DFNHS newsletter and website and be considered for publication in the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*.
- Essays should be submitted by email to: [doctors4thenhs@gmail.com](mailto:doctors4thenhs@gmail.com)
- Any questions about the competition can be sent to this address

**Doctors for the NHS** was founded in 1976 by, amongst others, Dr Peter Fisher (after whom this prize is named) who believed in an NHS that was for the benefit of all patients, was not for profit, and was free at the point of delivery. Our sole purpose is to fight for the NHS and the public it serves. Membership is open to all doctors who share these commitments.

## About us ...

**We are doctors campaigning for the preservation of the NHS as a publicly funded, provided and accountable service. This means:**

- Abandoning the market-based policies in England of the last 30 years.
- Abolishing the artificial separation into “purchaser” and “provider” which is breaking our health service apart.
- Opposing the increasing cuts to service and systematic replacement of NHS services with private providers. This is being done for ideological, not financial or “efficiency-saving” reasons.
- Bringing our expertise to the public debate, to counter mis-information.

## What we are not:

- We are not a political party and have no party-political affiliation.
- We are not a trade union.
- We support all and any organisation that shares our aspirations. We will talk about this to anyone willing to listen.

## Please join us

**If you are a doctor, please join us. You will gain:**

- A network of like-minded medical colleagues, many of whom have been campaigning against NHS cuts and privatisation for years. Doctors for the NHS has a unique professional ‘standing’ which is widely respected.
- Insight into how the cuts and privatisation are happening – through our e-mails, social media, and our printed and online quarterly newsletter.
- More chances to act to save services locally and nationally. Membership makes working with other health campaigns easier.

