Activity 2: NHS Long-Term Plan

The NHS was established in 1948. Ahead of the NHS’s 80th anniversary, the NHS Long-Term Plan is looking to address significant issues around:

* managing funding;
* staffing shortages;
* increasing inequalities;
* a growing and ageing population.

There is optimism in the advances made in medicine and better outcomes for treatment.

Your task is to research how the NHS will be adapting its services to meet future developments in the healthcare sector in relation to care provision, using the NHS Long-Term Plan [www.longtermplan.nhs.uk](http://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/).

In small groups, you should research different sections of the report, answering the two questions below:

1. What developments have been identified in the NHS Long-Term Plan?
2. What impact will these have on future healthcare provision?

Types of developments may include the use of artificial intelligence, changes to technological infrastructure, use of regenerative medicine, biomarkers, remote care, patient self-management, how services are funded, private healthcare provision updates and changes in patient/ service user demographics.

You should use clear and concise language when answering these questions. Complete the table below with your group findings and those of other groups when feeding back their thoughts on different developments and their impacts on healthcare provision.

Other useful websites:

* [www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/the-nhs-long-term-plan-summary.pdf](http://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/the-nhs-long-term-plan-summary.pdf)
* [www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCtedekBCyI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCtedekBCyI)
* [www.bmj.com/content/364/bmj.l84](http://www.bmj.com/content/364/bmj.l84)
* [www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/nhs-long-term-plan-explained](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/nhs-long-term-plan-explained)

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