

The Health of the Nation: NHS in Peril

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In Lord Owen's words the book concludes:

"The end of the NHS as we have known and understood it in England will take place before 2020 if whichever party or parties that win the 2015 general election does not change the 2012 NHS legislation. Social historians may not be agreed as to when the exact moment of its passing will be. As endings go, it will be, in the words of T.S. Eliot, 'not with a bang but a whimper'. Very likely around that moment the issue of Scottish independence will be back on the political agenda. The two are linked in more ways than have yet been fully recognised.

... The NHS is not a 'religion', as it has been likened to, nor is it the preserve of one political party, nor one country within our United Kingdom. It belongs to all of us and it quite simply represents the better angels of our nature."

Full details of Lord Owen's opposition to greater marketization and commercialisation of the NHS can be viewed on this website under the Domestic section.

To buy the e-book or paperback please go to the book section on Lord Owen's website or go to the publisher's (Methuen) website.