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I was taken up to the labour ward because KATE AND PETER LINES: Christoper's heart-beat was dipping very badly, (Parents) I think it was about 2 o'clock that morning and the Doctor came into us and announced fairly sort of briefly really that if Christopher was born in that particular hospital that night, he would die. We were quite stunned at this. The reason was that there was no incubator available for him, he then went on to inform us that he had tried every single hospital in the London area, the Greater London area and the vicinity of London, and there was no incubator available in any hospital, whatsoever in that area, but he was phoning as far up as Scotland and down to Lands End to try and find somewhere.

It's really unbelievable in this day and age that this sort of situation is happening. We just couldn't believe it. At the time you know, the shock came during that night, it took quite some time to register what we were being faced with. But it was literally a life and death situation, for lack of the basic facilities.

That's what's called Dupetrons contracture (phon.) GEORGE RALPH: it might be easier to say Thatcher contracture, because this is the operation that she had done on her hand, you can see where the hardening is, there, but this is how it comes out after a few years. Its very awkward when you're lifting anything heavy or you know clutching the steering wheel in a car. Well I've been on the waiting list at a London hospital now for 5 years, and twice they have asked me did I want to remain on the list. Once I got the chance of a bed and when I telephoned to confirm it it had already gone.

DEBORAH CLARK At the moment I am working on a childrens ward and the childrens ward is closed at the week-end for Saturday night and sometimes this period is extended if the number of children on the ward is reduced. And therefore you end up with children being moved into adult wards and I don't think this is a satisfactory situation.

IAN REED There is now less ambulances to do emergency Ambuland Driver: work, there is less ambulances to do outpatients. The ambulance service itself has been drastically cut. When you are talking of minutes, a patient that's seriously ill, if it just takes a matter of 3 or 4 minutes longer to get that patient to hospital that could make all the difference between that patient either dying or making a full recovery.

DR. COLIN THOME: The early discharge from hospital may seem attractive to the Government in terms of saving money in a hospital budget, but it is producing a tremendous stress on the community care, it's producing a tremendous stress on health workers, but most of all its producing stress on the patients themselves and their relatives.

Most of them are having to do the caring themselves because there aren't enough health workers to help them.

Voice Over:

How can Mrs. Thatcher say the Health
Service is safe in her hands? When she won't put herself in the hands of
the Health Service.

But we all know someone who has suffered and our conscience tells us it is wrong. Labour can put the heart back into the Health Service.

THE RT. HON. NEIL KINNOCK. My mother was a professional nurse for 40 years nearly. We share the views of so many other nurses and doctors and paramedical workers and ancillary workers in the Health Service that I meet all over the country, they know what they could do, they know what they'd like to do, they know what they're able to do given the chance, but so frequently they feel they are just not given the chance, given resources, given the time to make their healing system work to its full ability.

Voice Over:

A Labour Government would give them that chance, it will employ more staff and give hospitals the resources they need to cut waiting lists, it will set up a national net-work of breast and cervical cancer screening and 'Well Woman' Clinics, and it will provide more local health centres and reduce GP's lists.

40 years ago a Labour Government created the National Health Service, against the wishes of the Conservatives, today Labour can re-build the N.H.S. Offering care to all who need it.