



Clifton's Clapping

Sunday 5th July 2020

@ 17.00

72nd Anniversary of the foundation of the NHS

A nationwide clap to thank the NHS will take place on 5 July, in what is intended to become an annual tradition.

People will be encouraged to applaud the heroes of the pandemic with family and friends at 17:00 BST that Sunday, the 72nd anniversary of the NHS.



Many broadcasters will break away from normal programming to mark the moment.



On 4 July, the evening before, people will be asked to put a light in their windows in remembrance of all those lost to the coronavirus pandemic.

Major public buildings, including the Royal Albert Hall, Blackpool Tower, the Shard and the Wembley Arch, will be lit up in blue.

NHS England chief executive Sir Simon Stevens said he hoped the public would use the new anniversary as an opportunity to "say a heartfelt thank you" to hospital staff.

Sir Simon said: "This year has been the most challenging in NHS history, with staff displaying extraordinary dedication, skill and compassion to care for the 100,000 patients with Covid-19 who needed specialist hospital treatment and many others besides.

Remember and Celebrate