



## Source 1

## Task

**1a** Why has the letter been written?

**1b** What had happened in the hospital?

**1c** Would the treatment received in the hospital have helped to stop cholera spreading?

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This is a letter written on 5th January 1832. It was sent from the Board of Health to the Newcastle Board. The writer is talking about conditions in Gateshead hospital.

5<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1832.

Sir

The highly inadequate and improper state of the temporary hospital appropriated for the relief of Cholera Patients in the Township of Gateshead, having been reported to the B<sup>d</sup> of Health with an assertion that five children were actually placed in one bed, and three in another bed in that hospital, I am directed by the B<sup>d</sup> to require that you will state with as little delay as possible every circumstance connected with such a want of humanity, which if founded in truth must prove highly disgraceful to the Members of that B<sup>d</sup>.

I am  
Y<sup>rs</sup> &c  
W Meeklen

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