

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million (1990–1999) (Department of Health 2000).

There is a growing emphasis on the need to improve the quality of care in the public sector. The Department of Health (2000) has set out a number of key objectives for the public sector, including the need to improve the quality of care, to reduce the waiting time for treatment, to improve the efficiency of the system, and to improve the financial performance of the system. The Department of Health (2000) has also set out a number of key objectives for the private sector, including the need to improve the quality of care, to reduce the waiting time for treatment, to improve the efficiency of the system, and to improve the financial performance of the system.

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