If the NHS is so good, why isn’t it copied?

Sir, The NHS is so good, why isn’t it copied? (Letters, Dec 22). It is truly an excellent service, but it is not perfect. There are areas where it could be improved, such as the waiting times for certain treatments. However, it is still far superior to any other healthcare system in the world.

By contrast, during my working career I lived abroad in a number of countries and never felt more grateful to be a citizen of the UK than when I was able to access high-quality healthcare when I needed it. The NHS is a truly remarkable institution that serves millions of people every day.

The NCW

Decline in nursing

Sir, The steep decline in nursing is deeply worrying (News, Dec 20). The NHS needs more nurses to provide the care that patients need. This is a major concern that needs to be addressed immediately.

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Great War truces

Sir, There is much anecdotal evidence for ‘live-and-let-live’ coalitions and truces during the First World War (Letters, Dec 22). Many of these truces were short-lived, and there were many more than just the famous seven.

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Arthurian mystery

Sir, Anyone with knowledge of the historical background to Arthurian legend will be reminded by Professor Nostradamus that Arthur was a medieval ruler (Letters, Dec 22). However, it is important to note that the tales of the ‘real’ Arthur (if he indeed existed) were not just for a British audience. The stories of Arthur and his knights were passed down through oral tradition and were celebrated throughout Europe.

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GP funding lottery

Sir, The GP funding lottery is not fit for purpose (Letters, Dec 22). It is a means of distributing funding to GPs, but it is not a fair system and does not consider the needs of patients. The system should be reformed to ensure that GPs are adequately funded.

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Fracking consent

Sir, The High Court has ruled that fracking must go ahead in Newbury (Letters, Dec 22). This is a dangerous precedent that could lead to more accidents and harm to the environment.

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Passenger safety

Sir, Frances O’Grady is right to argue that trains are not as safe as they could be (News and Views, Dec 22). Many accidents have occurred on the railways, and more needs to be done to improve safety standards.

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Bedtime at Ikea

Sir, I can completely understand the parents’ concerns (Letters, Dec 22). It is not safe to allow children to stay up late in a crowded store like Ikea. However, it is important to ensure that children are kept safe in all environments.

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Extraordinary eggs

Sir, I was passing a country house a few days ago and came across a nest with these extraordinary eggs (Letters, Dec 22). I thought I must stop and buy some as it seemed like a great opportunity. However, on further reflection, I decided that I would get them again before attempting to breed them myself.

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