

Newsnight missed the point on the NHS

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Newsnight produced an asinine programme on the 75th anniversary of the NHS last night. It was bland, hyperbolic, and undemanding. It ended with a weird rendition of happy birthday which seemed wholly inappropriate for an institution.

What was not mentioned was the fact that on the very same day that they chose to celebrate this, consultants decided to go on strike for the first time, and junior doctors are also taking industrial action.

What a very odd oversight from the BBC. Is it that they deliberately wanted to overlook the state of the NHS?

You can see why so many good journalists want to quit the BBC.