



## THE BIG PICTURE

# Warm birthday wishes for NHS

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Thousands of people from across the UK marched through central London on one of the hottest days in years, to celebrate

the NHS's 70th anniversary and to call for more funding from the government.

The demonstration on Saturday 28 June ended with a festival-like rally in Westminster, in which speakers, including Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, shared the stage with musicians. Organised by The People's Assembly, the BMA, and other health unions and organisations, the demonstration followed an announcement by the prime minister, Theresa May, that the NHS is to receive an annual average funding increase of 3.4% over the next five years. But chants of "shame on you" as the procession passed Downing Street suggested that marchers have not been convinced.