

1980's



KGH

In this decade new theatres were built on the site at Kettering General Hospital. The theatres were for ENT, Eye, Oral and Maxillofacial departments. (KGH Together).

NHS

In the 1980's the first MRI scanners were introduced. Magnetic resonance imaging scanners prove more effective than earlier equipment in providing information about soft tissue such as the brain.

On January 23 1984 Benjamin Hardwick became Britain's youngest liver transplant patient at the age of two. His parents appeared prior on BBC's That's Live television programme to raise awareness of organ donation when Ben urgently needed a transplant, making him a celebrity.



Professor John Wallwork
<https://tinyurl.com/y7o4sv8t>

In 1987, Professor Sir Roy Calne and Professor John Wallwork carried out the world's first liver, heart and lung transplant at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge. Professor Calne describes the patient as "plucky" and she survives for a further 10 years after the procedure. Her healthy heart is donated to another transplant patient.



Sir Roy Calne

<https://tinyurl.com/yaybdxq6>

1988 was the year breast screening was introduced. An ambitious project to reduce breast cancer deaths in women over the age of 50. Breast screening units can be found around the country providing free mammograms. (www.nhs.uk).

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