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Dear Headteacher,

2018 is a particularly special year for the NHS Business Services Authority as we will be joining with the rest of the NHS in celebrating its 70th birthday.

It was on 5 July 1948 that the NHS was created and we believe that this landmark birthday provides an excellent opportunity to come together as a community. We are keen to offer local people the opportunity to celebrate why the NHS is so important to them and to mark the hard work and commitment of our dedicated NHS staff.

We are especially keen to involve children and young people in our celebrations, using the birthday as a chance to explore what it is like working in the NHS and helping to capture their imaginations as they learn about exciting breakthroughs in medical science and look back over how things were done 70 years ago. It is a unique opportunity to work with young people to reflect on what the NHS was like at its inception 70 years ago and what it might look like in another 70 years.

In order to help you to engage the children and young people you work with we are running a competition designed to get them interested in the NHS and its future, as well as learning more about the people who work in the NHS.

The competition

The NHS Business Services Authority is running a 'draw the future' competition. We are asking children to draw a picture of what they think the NHS in the future will look like.

We already have machines which can look through our skin to show pictures of our bones and our organs; we have machines that use lasers; and robots which can perform operations, so what do you think is next? In another 70 years what sort of machines will doctors, nurses, radiographers and other health professionals be using to help keep us well and make us better when we are ill?

Draw a picture of your invention and write a short description (100 words maximum) of what your machine does.

The rules:

1. You must be aged between 4 and 11 years old on 5 July 2018 to be able to enter this competition;
2. All entries must be submitted on A4 size paper
3. Schools must register to take part at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhsbsa-childrens-competition-tickets-45063583391>
4. Entries must be sent by post to:
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5. The competition closes at noon on Thursday 7 June 2018 and the winners will be decided by a panel of judges and announced on Thursday 5 July 2018. A notice will be placed on the NHS Business Services Authority [website](#) and Twitter account.
6. The winners will be announced on Thursday 5 July 2018 and contacted directly;
7. The winner who is awarded the first prize will win £100 worth of books for their school kindly donated by The Book People, a private screening of a film of their choice for their class, including popcorn and water kindly donated by Vue Cinemas and a VIP trip to Alton Towers for the winner, kindly donated by Alton Towers.
8. There will be five runner up prizes which will include a £50 book bundle for the winning entrants school and a £25 gift voucher.

Terms and conditions:

1. By entering this competition the entrant warrants that he or she meets the entry requirements and accepts these terms and conditions.
2. Entrants are responsible for any and all expenses that they incur in entering the competition and will not be reimbursed regardless of whether or not they win the competition.
3. The NHS Business Services Authority reserves the right to disqualify any entrants or entries where we reasonably suspects any unlawful or improper conduct, such as infringing a third party's intellectual property rights, or if there has otherwise been a breach of the competition terms and conditions.
4. We cannot return entries and all entries may be used in publicity materials.

There are also great resources about the history of the NHS available at www.england.nhs.uk/NHS70 and www.nhs.uk which could be useful in having discussions and teaching children and young people about what the NHS is and how it has evolved in the last 70 years.

More information about the NHS Business Services Authority can be found at <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/what-we-do/work-us>

We do hope that you will consider supporting us by encouraging children and young people to enter our competitions and celebrate our local NHS.

If you require any further information or have any questions please contact nhsbsa.communicationsteam@nhs.net

Yours faithfully

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