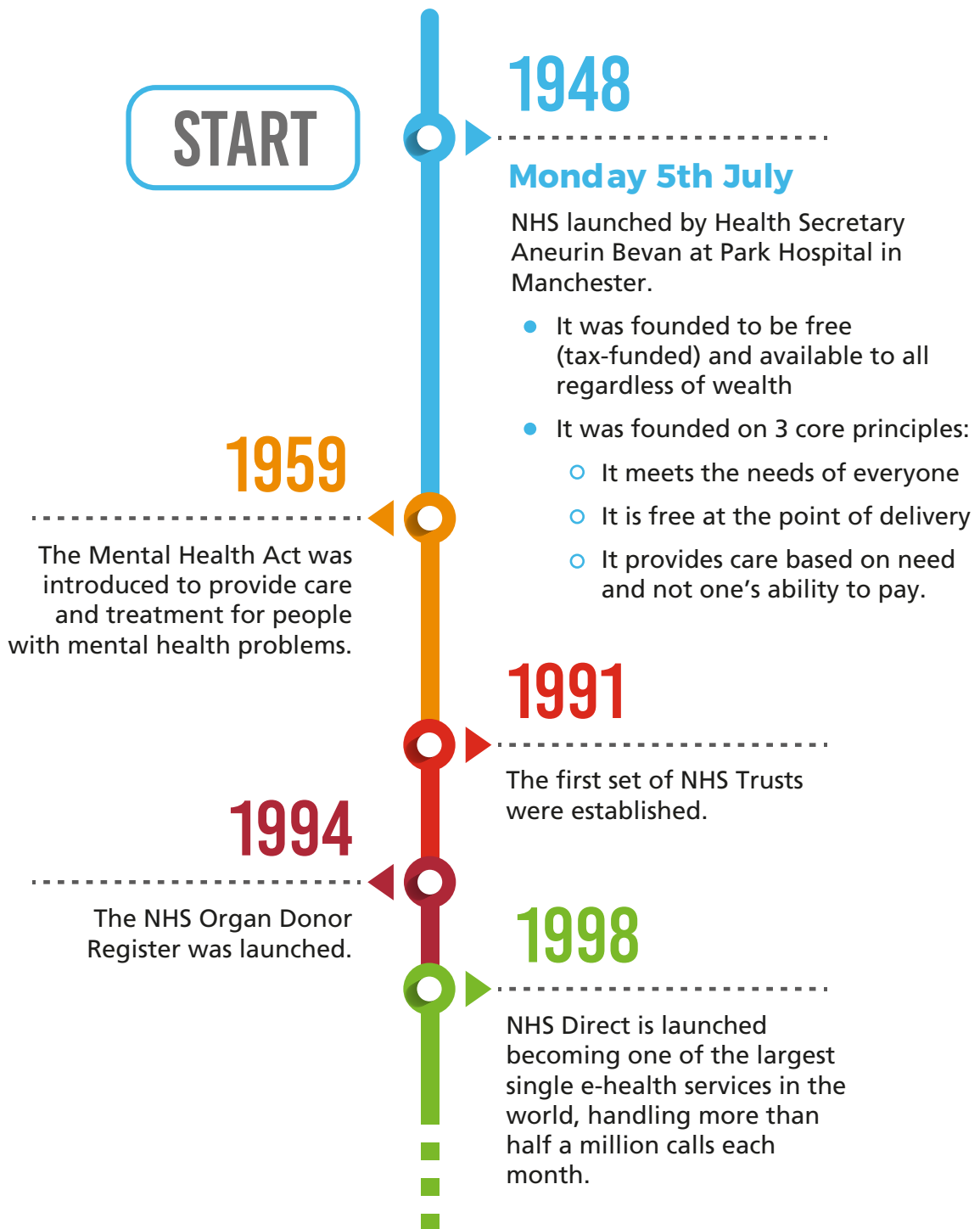
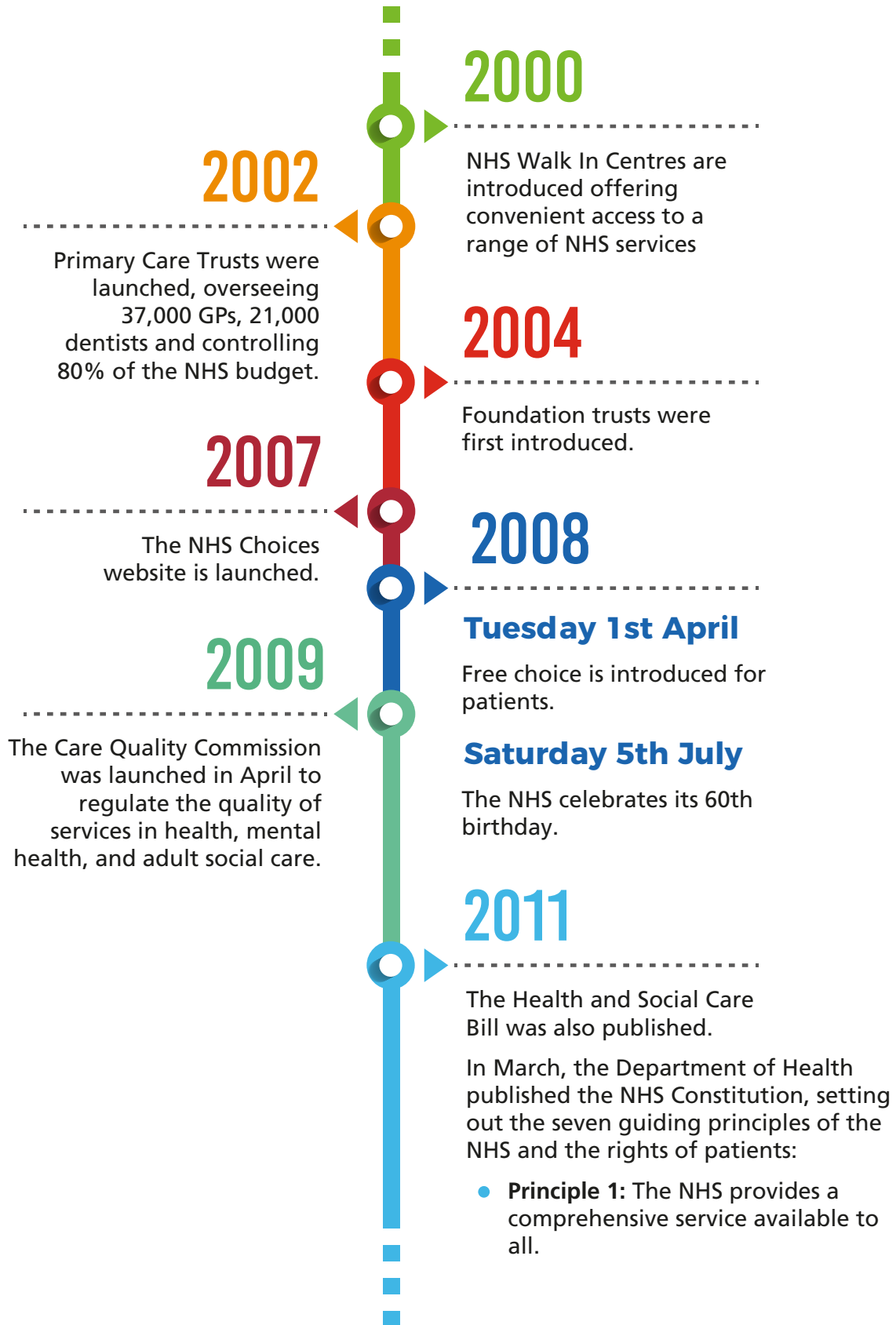


The National Health Service (NHS) began on Monday 5 July 1948, launched by the then Health Secretary, Aneurin Bevan at the Park Hospital in Manchester. The NHS was developed as a tax-funded health care system which is free though there are some charges in place in England. The NHS was built on these values, that the services helped everyone, healthcare was free, and that care would be provided based on need and not one's ability to pay. These are interesting facts about the NHS:





The NHS values are:

Working Together for Patients
e.g., Respect for colleagues

Respect and Dignity e.g., Seeing things from another person's perspective

Everyone Counts e.g., Appreciation that everybody counts regardless of age, race, and ethnicity

Commitment to Quality of Care
e.g., Taking personal responsibility for your actions

Compassion e.g., Listening to how others are feeling

Improving Lives e.g., Motivation to make a difference

- **Principle 2:** Access to NHS services is based on clinical need, not an individual's ability to pay.
- **Principle 3:** The NHS aspires to the highest standards of excellence and professionalism
- **Principle 4:** The NHS aspires to put patients at the heart of everything it does
- **Principle 5:** The NHS works across organisational boundaries and in partnership with other organisations in the interest of patients, local communities and the wider population.
- **Principle 6:** The NHS is committed to providing best value for taxpayers' money and the most effective, fair and sustainable use of finite resources.
- **Principle 7:** The NHS is accountable to the public, communities and patients that it serves

2013

In April the NHS Friends and Family Test was launched

- The NHS is the fifth largest employer in the world, behind McDonalds, Walmart the US Department of Defense and China's People's Liberation Army
- There are more than 100 volunteering roles within health and social care.
- In a typical week, 1.4 million people will receive help in their home from the NHS.

2017

In comparison with the healthcare systems of ten other countries (Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and USA) the NHS was found to be the most impressive overall by the Commonwealth Fund in 2017.