

## Healthcare as a human right

### Reading

Match these English words to their translations in French. Then use them to fill in the blanks.

Paragraph 1: compulsory / medicine / physicians / nursing / surgery / health

English						
French	medicaments	docteurs	santé	soins infirmiers	obligatoires	chirurgie

Paragraph 2 and 3: income /provide /ensures/ studies / irrespective /goal / benefits /right

English								
French	s'assurer	sans tenir compte de	revenu	droit	fournir	bénéfices	but	études

Paragraph 4 and 5: tackling / cost-effectiveness / drawbacks / significant / prevalence / as well as

English						
French	important	inconvenients	ainsi que	rentabilité	s'attaquer	fréquence

Health care may be defined as the act of taking preventive or ..... medical procedures to maintain the ..... of a person's whole body. This may be done by ....., by the administering of ....., or other. These services are usually offered through a healthcare system made up of hospitals and ..... It is delivered by healthcare providers or professionals in various fields including pharmacy, ....., medicine, dentistry, psychology, general and specialised physicians, etc.

Ideally, access to appropriate, high-quality healthcare should be considered a basic human ....., in which each nation ..... that every person is covered by equal healthcare, ..... of their gender, origin, ....., or age. But healthcare varies across the different countries of the globe.

In "The Case for Investing in Public Health" report, the World Health Organization underlined that cost-effective interventions ..... returns on investment and cost savings on either a short-term or a long-term basis. As a general rule, most of the ..... include long-term health and broader societal ..... in their 'returns', which –after all– is the .....of public health

As a prime example, obesity is a rapidly growing public health problem affecting a growing number of countries because of its predominance, costs, and health effects. Excessive fat accumulation in the body may lead to ..... long-term health consequences including the development of coronary heart disease, diabetes, and osteoarthritis ..... increasing the risk of developing certain cancers.

England holds one of the worst records and tendencies in obesity compared with the rest of Europe. .... the obesity epidemic and guaranteeing that this does not affect future generations is a major challenge. The increase in the ..... of obesity causes a substantial impact on the National Health Service (NHS) budget. Proven ..... of most preventive investment measures taken now will only show success in 10-20 years' time. No doubt, investing in the good health of the population and prevention activities provides real economic and social benefits. But these investments also have many ..... So a wide-ranging debate about investing in public health continues

