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HEALTHCARE

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TIME	TRANSCRIPT
00.00 – 00.28	<p>Well the other thing I think I'd notice is the difference in healthcare. My sister had scarlet fever, as a lot of children did in those times. She was placed in isolation in hospital at Clayponds, South Ealing, and was not allowed a visit from anybody for 6 weeks. And when you think about childcare, and all the sorts of things that now go into if a child goes into hospital, and yet then children were really quite badly damaged by suddenly being whisked away, and not understanding why, and not being able to see anybody for 6 weeks.</p>
00.28 – 01.00	<p>When I went to school, the first year I started at Beetham's &gt;?&lt; Infants' School, my sister went to the school across the road, Coston's &gt;?&lt; Girls' School. And after school I had to go over and wait for my sister to come out, and she would bring me home. And there was a, what we would call a Belisha Beacon crossing. And I went across and waited for my sister, and was with a friend, and we decided to race each other to the school gates or something, and I left my sister, ran though it, and ran out into the road, and was knocked down by a baker's van.</p>
01.00 – 01.16	<p>All the wrong things that they did - I mean, I was picked up, unconscious, I could have had a broken back or anything – I was picked up unconscious, carried into the school and laid out on a wooden desk. And I remember coming to, laying on this wooden desk, with my head, a great big lump on my head and bleeding &gt;laughter&lt;.</p>
01.16 – 01.39	<p>Err, meanwhile, my friend had run home to say, tell my mother I'd been knocked down. And she lived about a quarter, half a mile away, ran all the way to the school to find that, by this time, because I'd woken up, they'd just said to my sister, "Well, you'd better take him home, then!" And she met me &gt;laughter&lt;, walking up the road, with this great lump on my head, and there was no ambulance called, no doctor called, nothing.</p>