



Source 1

Task

1a Why has the letter been written?

1b What had happened in the hospital?

1c Would the treatment received in the hospital have helped to stop cholera spreading?



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This is a letter written on 5th January 1832. It was sent from the Board of Health to the Newcastle Board. The writer is talking about conditions in Gateshead hospital.

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Sir

The highly inadequate and improper state of the temporary hospital appropriated for the relief of Cholera Patients in the Township of Gateshead, having been reported to the B^d of Health with an assertion that five children were actually placed in one bed, and three in another bed in that hospital, I am directed by the B^d to require that you will state with as little delay as possible every circumstance connected with such a want of humanity, which if founded in truth must prove highly disgraceful to the Members of that B^d.

I am
Y^r Y^r
W. Meeklan

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