

## NHS worst in Europe, poll reveals

**THE NHS is the worst health service in Europe with outdated equipment, long waiting lists and poor funding, according to a survey of 8,000 patients.**

**Patients from eight European Union countries, including Britain, were quizzed about their health services – and the NHS came bottom of the pile.**

**Britain's hospitals were considered worse than those in Spain or the Czech Republic, while the Germans and French were most satisfied with their health treatment.**

**British patients who answered the poll, conducted by Populus, said the NHS was starved of cash, did not use the latest drugs and**

**lacked modern equipment.**

**The survey will alarm Tony Blair.**

**It suggests that, despite his claims that the health service has improved under Labour, he has failed to convince the public.**