The new NHS in 2013: What it means for you

The changes in the NHS aim to empower patients and local clinicians to make decisions about NHS services in your area. This infographic explains how the new NHS is structured.

Using the NHS

Department of Health (DH)
The DH supports the Secretary of State for Health, setting national policy and legislation.

Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs)
Most of the NHS commissioning budget is now managed by 211 CCGs.

NHS England
NHS England is an independent body managing the NHS budget and commissioning services.

NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA)
The NHS TDA provides governance and accountability for NHS trusts in England, and helps trusts prepare for foundation trust status.

Health and wellbeing boards
These are forums where key leaders from the health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

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- In 2010, 96,900 people were admitted to hospital for an eye test.
- The NHS deals with over 1 million patients each week.
- The NHS workforce, at just under 1.4 million, makes over 50,000 journeys each week.
- Mental health providers provide services for people with mental health problems.
- NHS England is responsible for the £118 billion NHS budget.

Monitoring the NHS

Care Quality Commission (CQC)
The CQC is the independent regulator of all health and social care services in England. It’s job is to make sure that care provided meets national standards of quality and safety.

Monitor
Monitor promotes the provision of healthcare services which are effective, efficient and economic, and maintains or improves the quality of services. It assesses NHS trusts for foundation trust status.

Healthwatch England
Healthwatch England is the independent consumer champion for health and social care in England. Working with a network of 152 Local Healthwatchs, it ensures that the voices of patients and those who use services reach the ears of the decision makers.

The NHS workforce

Health Education England (HEE)
HEE is responsible for the education, training and personal development of every member of NHS staff, and recruiting for values. They do this through local education and training boards (LETBs), which are statutory committees of HEE.

NHS Employers
The NHS Employers organisation is the authoritative voice of workforce leaders, experts in HR, negotiating fairly to get the best deal for patients.

NICE
The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) produces guidance, quality standards and other products to support health, public health and social care practitioners provide the best possible quality care and the best value for money.

Local education and training boards (LETBs)
LETBs work together to develop, educate and train the future NHS workforce.

Education providers
For example, colleges and universities.

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