

A picture of health

A responsive and effective NHS, meeting the current and future health needs of patients and communities



An NHS that continuously improves and whose people are proud and excited to work there



An NHS that is a key player in driving a healthy and productive society



The government and health and care services must work together to deliver the next generation NHS and create a picture of health. Five shared commitments will realise this vision.

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Together, we must...



Build a new infrastructure programme for the NHS

By investing in eliminating the maintenance backlog and the systematic renewal of our facilities, technology and estates...

we will improve the quality and safety of patient care and deliver even greater value for money.



Reaffirm commitment to the core values of the NHS to improve health and care for all and reduce inequalities

By focusing on prevention and early intervention, and integrating health and care within the work of every part of government...

we will ensure the sustainability of the NHS and secure a significant social and economic return on investment.



Champion a culture of openness, improvement and innovation

By enabling a learning culture and investing in the skills for continuous improvement and evidence-based decision making...

we will improve the safety and quality of care, productivity and staff experience.



Nurture a thriving health and care workforce

By delivering the NHS long term workforce plan, and redoubling efforts to improve the equality, diversity and inclusion experienced by our people...

we will create the capacity and capability to deliver the best possible patient care, now and in the future.



Provide care in the right place at the right time

By meeting more patient needs in the community and creating a robust social care sector...

we will support the performance and sustainability of the whole health and care system.

Delivering the next generation NHS

The NHS provider sector – acute hospitals, mental health, community and ambulance trusts – has a vital role in creating a healthy, equitable and productive society.

The NHS can achieve the greatest social and economic value by working with the government, and with patients and communities at the centre of every conversation.



We need to rally around our next generation NHS. This is an NHS that serves the population as it is now and as it will be, and that plays a key role within a strong network of public services.