

Systems Within Healthcare:

Acute Trusts

Acute Trusts provide services such as accident and emergency departments, inpatient and outpatient medicine and surgery and in some cases, very specialist medical care. They provide secondary care, ranging from relatively small hospitals to large city teaching hospitals.



Community Trusts

Community Trusts cover an extensive and diverse range of services that commonly include adult community nursing, therapy services, preventative services such as sexual health clinics, and child health services including health visiting and school nursing. These are delivered in a wide range of settings e.g. people's own homes, community clinics, community centres and schools.

Mental Health Trusts

Provide services for people with mental health needs which cannot be provided by their GPs and require specialised care. Services range from psychological or talk therapy to highly specialised care for people with severe mental health needs that may be provided in hospital or in the community.

Primary Care

The day-to-day healthcare available in every local area and the first-place people go when they need health advice or treatment. It's the first stop for symptoms that are new or for concerns about physical or mental health e.g. GPs (general practitioners), chemists, health visitors, out of hours GP services, dentists.

Public Health

Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play. This work is achieved by promoting healthy lifestyles, researching disease and injury prevention, and detecting, preventing, and responding to infectious diseases.

NHS England (NHSE)

NHS England is an executive non-departmental public body that authorises clinical commissioning groups (CCGs). NHS England is responsible for supporting CCGs and holding them to account for the local health outcomes they deliver.

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

CCGs are clinically led statutory NHS bodies responsible for the planning and commissioning of health care services for their local area, such as urgent and emergency care, acute care, mental health services and community services.