The new NHS in England: structure and accountabilities
Introduction

The Coalition Government announced in The white paper, *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS* 2011, that it would:

- transfer the responsibility for commissioning (buying) health services to new **Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)**, led by GPs
- abolish **Primary Care Trusts**
- create a new public body, **Public Health England**
- establish the independent **NHS Commissioning Board**
- establish new local authority **Health and Well-being Boards**

The resulting **Health and Social Care Act 2012** received Royal Ascent on 27 March 2012.
NHS in transition: The mapping the changes

‘The Health and Social Care Act will transform the NHS’:
• Structure
• Accountabilities
• Funding arrangements
• Working relationships

The act has three key principles:
• patients at the centre of the NHS
• changing the emphasis of measurement to clinical outcomes
• empowering health professionals, in particular GPs

The following slides show the principal changes.
New funding arrangements

- Patients and public (general taxation)
  - Parliament
  - Department of Health
  - Public Health England
  - NHS Commissioning Board
  - Public health departments based in local authorities
  - Clinical commissioning groups
  - GPs
  - Community health services
  - Secondary care
  - Patients and public receive services

New organisation

- Funding
- Service provision
- Holds contracts directly
- Direct commissioning of specialised services e.g. specialised mental health services
Regulating and monitoring the quality of services
Advice and performance management
How patients and members of the public can influence their health and social care services
Medical and professional education and training

- Secretary of State
- Health Education England
- Local NHS education and training boards
- Deaneries
- Academic health science networks

New organisation → Funding
For more information, visit the Department of Health website here

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