

ACRONYMS & INITIALISMS* BUSTER

A&E - Accident and Emergency

ACS - Accountable Care System

ACO - Accountable Care Organisation

AD - Associate Director

ADT - Admission, Discharge and Transfer

AfC - Agenda for Change

AGM - Annual General Meeting/Annual Governance Meeting

AHP - Advanced Health Professional

AI - Artificial Intelligence. The development of technologies able to carry out tasks that normally require human abilities.

AKI - Acute Kidney Injury

AMM - Annual Members Meeting

AMR - Antimicrobial Resistance

AMU - Acute Medical Unit

AOS - Acute Oncology Service

ANP - Advanced Nurse Practitioner

AR - Annual Report

ASPH - Ashford and St. Peter's Hospital

B

BAF - Board Assurance Framework

BAME - Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic

BAU - Business As Usual

BBE - Bare Below Elbow

Blockchain – A database which creates a single, shared digital ledger.

BME - Black and Minority Ethnic

BCF - Better Care Fund

BMA - British Medical Association

BMI - Body Mass Index

BoD - Board of Directors

BSPS - Berkshire and Surrey Pathology Services

CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

CAS - Central Alert System

CAU - Clinical Assessment Unit

CCG - Clinical Commissioning Group

CCU - Coronary Care Unit

CDI - Clostridium Difficile Infection Committee

Cdif/C.Diff - Clostridium Difficile

CEA - Clinical Excellence Awards

CEG – Community Engagement Group

CEO - Chief Executive Officer

CFC – Charitable Funds Committee

CFO - Chief Finance Officer

CHC - Continuing Health Care

CHD - Coronary Heart Disease

CIO - Chief Information Officer

CIP - Continuous Improvement Plan

Cloud - Computing which enables users to share computing resources within an organisation

CoG - Council of Governors

Comms - Communications

CoS - Chief of Service CoSec - Company Secretary

CoSRR - Continuity of Service Risk Rating

Covid/Covid-19 - Coronavirus disease

CPA - Care Programme Approach

CNST – Clinical Negligence Schemes for Trusts

CQC - Care Quality Commission

CQUIN - Commissioning for Quality and Innovation

CRAB - Copeland's Risk Adjusted Barometer

C.Section - Caesarean Section

CSU - Commissioning Support Unit

CT - Computerised Tomography or Charitable Trustees

CTG - Cardiotocography

CVC - Central Venous Catheter

D

DBS - Disclosure Barring Service

DGH - District General Hospital

DH/DoH - Department of Health

DIPC - Director of Infection Prevention and Control

DIPU – Diagnostic and Inpatient Unit

DNA - Did Not Attend

DNACPR - Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary

Resuscitation

DNAR - Do Not Attempt Resuscitation

DNR - Do Not Resuscitate

DoLS - Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

DoN - Director of Nursing

DoO - Director of Operations

DPA - Data Protection Act

DSU - Day Surgery Unit

DVT - Deep Vein Thrombosis

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E&D - Equality and Diversity

EAU - Emergency Assessment Unit

EBITDA - Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization

ECG - Electrocardiogram

ECIST - Emergency Care Intensive Support Team

E-Coli – Escherichia coli

ED - Emergency Department

EDD - Estimated Date of Discharge or Delivery

EDMS - Electronic Document Management System

EEA - European Economic Area

EEG- Electroencephalogram

EHR - Electronic Health Record

EHRC - Equality and Human Rights Commission

EIA - Equality Impact Assessment

ELSCS - Elective Caesarean Section

EM - Emergency Medicine

EMLSCS - Emergency Caesarean Section

ENT - Ear, Nose and Throat

EOLC - End of Life Care

EOLCA - End of Life Care Audit

EPR - Electronic Patient Record

EPRR - Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and

Response

ERS - e-Referral System (electronic)

ESD - Early Supported Discharge

ESR - Electronic Staff Record

ETP - Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions

G

GI - Gastrointestinal

GMC - General Medical Council

GMS - General Medical Services

GP - General Practitioner

GRE - Glycopeptide Resistant Enterococci

H

HAI - Hospital Acquired Infection

HASU - Hyper Acute Stroke Unit

HCA - Health Care Assistant

HCAI - Healthcare-Associated Infection

HDU - High Dependency Unit

HEB - Hospital Executive Board

HED - Healthcare Evaluation Data

HEKSS - Health Education Kent, Surrey and Sussex

HETV - Health Education Thames Valley

HH - Heatherwood Hospital

HICC - Hospital Infection Control Committee

HoN - Head of Nursing

HR - Human Resources

HSE - Health and Safety Executive

HSLI – Health System Led Investment

HSMR - Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio

HTC - Hospital Transfusion Committee

HWB - Health and Wellbeing Board

HWD - Heatherwood

HWP - Heatherwood and Wexham Park

HWPH/H&WPH - Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals

F

FIC - Finance Investment Committee

FBC - Full Business Case

FFT - Friends and Family Test

FH - Frimley Health

FHFT - Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust

FOI - Freedom of Information

FPH - Frimley Park Hospital

FRR - Financial Risk Rating

FT - Foundation Trust

FTSU - Freedom to Speak Up

FTE - Full Time Equivalent

FYE - Financial Year End

I&E - Income and Equity

laaS – Infrastructure as a Service. Cloud computing

hosted by a third party.

IC - Information Commissioner

ICM - Integrated Case Management

ICP - Integrated Care Pathway

ICS - Integrated Care System

ICU - Intensive Care Unit

IEA - Immediate and Essential Actions

IG - Information Governance

IGT/IGTK - Information Governance Toolkit

IM&T - Information Management and Technology

IoT – Internet of Things. A scenario whereby resources or assets are connected to a network that enables them to link, interact and exchange data.

IPCN - Infection Prevention and Control Nurse

IPCT - Infection Prevention and Control Team

IPR - Individual Performance Review

ITU - Intensive Therapy Unit/Critical Care Unit

IV - Intravenous

J

JAG - Joint Advisory Group

JVCI – Joint Committee on Vaccination and

Immunisation

K

KPI - Key Performance Indicator

L

LA - Local Authority

LCFS - Local Counter Fraud Specialist

LCS - Lean Competency System

LD - Learning Disability

LHRP - Local Health Resilience Partnership

LiA - Listening into Action

LINAC - Linear Accelerator

LMS – Local Maternity Services

LOS/LoS - Length of Stay

LUCADA - Lung Cancer Audit Data

M

M&M - Morbidity and Mortality

ML - Machine Learning. A specific subset of AI that focuses on learning, reasoning and decision-making.

MADU - Medical Acute Dependency Unit

MAST – Mandatory and Statutory Training

MAU - Medical Assessment Unit

MDT - Multi-Disciplinary Team

MIS - Maternity Incentive Scheme

MHPS - Maintaining High Professional Standards

MIDU - Medical Investigations Day Unit

MIG - Medical Interoperability Gateway

MIU - Minor Injuries Unit

MRI - Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MRSA - Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus

N

NBOCAP - National Bowel Cancer Audit Programme

NCASP - National Clinical Audit Support Programme

NED - Non-Executive Director

NEHF/NEH&F - North East Hants and Farnham

NERC – Non-Executive Remuneration Committee

NHS - National Health Service

NHS FT - NHS Foundation Trust

NHSE - NHS England

NHSI - NHS Improvements (formerly Monitor)

NHSLA - NHS Litigation Authority

NHSP - NHS Professional

NIMS - National Immunisation Management System

NICE - National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

NICU - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

NMC - Nursing and Midwifery Council

NNU - Neonatal Unit

NOGCA - National Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit

NRLS - National Reporting and Learning System/Service

O

O&G - Obstetrics and Gynaecology

OBC - Outline Business Case

ODP - Operating Department Practitioner

OHD - Occupational Health Department

OLM - Oracle Learning Management

OOH - Out of Hours

OP - Outpatient

OPD - Outpatient Department

OSCE - Observed Structured Clinical Exam

OT - Occupational Therapist/Therapy

P

PACS - Picture Archiving and Communications System

PACU - Post-Anaesthetic Care Unit

PALS - Patient Advice and Liaison Service

PAS - Patient Administration System

PAU - Paediatric Assessment Unit

PbR - Payment by Results

PCI - Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

PD - Practice Development

PDC - Public Dividend Capital

PDD - Predicted Date of Discharge

PE - Pulmonary Embolism

PEAT - Patient Environment Action Team

PEIG – Patient Experience and Involvement Group

PET – Patient Experience Tracker

PFI - Private Finance Initiative

PGD – Patient Group Directive

PHE - Public Health England

PICC - Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters

PID - Patient/Person Identifiable Data

PILS - Patient Information Leaflets

PID - Project Initiation Document

PLACE - Patient-Led Assessments of the Care

Environment

PMS - Personal Medical Services

PMO - Programme Management Office

POD - Pre-Operative Department

POSSUM - Physiological and Operative Severity Score

for the enUmeration of Mortality and Morbidity

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment

PPI - Patient and Public Involvement

PPU – Private Patient Unit

PSED - Public Sector Equality Duty

PSF - Provider Sustainability Fund

PRC – Performance and Remuneration Committee

Р

O

QA - Quality Assurance

QAC - Quality Assurance Committee

QI - Quality Indicator or Quality Improvement

QIP - Quality Improvement Plan

QIPP - Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention

QIA - Quality Impact Assessment

QOF - Quality and Outcomes Framework

R

RAAC - Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

RAF - Risk Assurance Framework

RAG - Red Amber Green

RBH - Royal Berkshire Hospital

RCA - Root Cause Analysis

RCN - Royal College of Nursing

RCP - Royal College of Physicians

RCS - Royal College of Surgeons

RIDDOR - Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous

Occurrences Regulations

RN - Registered Nurse

RSCH - Royal Surrey County Hospital

RTT - Referral to Treatment

S

SaaS - Software as a Service. Cloud computing hosted

by a third-party provider

SADU - Surgical Day Unit

SAU - Surgical Assessment Unit (FPH)/Surgical

Assessment Unit (WPH)

SCAS/SCAmb - South Central Ambulance Service

SCT - System Control Total

SDIP - Service Development and Improvement Plan

SECAMB - South East Coast Ambulance Service

SFIs – Standing Financial Instructions

SH - Surrey Heath

SHMI - Standard Hospital Morality Index

SHO - Senior House Officer

SI - Serious Incident

SIRI - Serious Incident Requiring Investigation

SIRO - Senior Information Risk Owner

SID - Senior Independent Director

SLA - Service Level Agreement

SLR - Service-Line Reporting

SLT/SaLT - Speech and Language Therapy

SME - Subject Matter Expert

SMR - Standardised Mortality Ratio

SoS - Secretary of State

SPC – Statistical Process Control

SPS - Surrey Pathology Service

SSI(S) - Surgical Site Infections (Surveillance)

SSNAP - Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme

SSS - Short Stay Surgical Unity

STF - Sustainability and Transformation Funding

STP - Sustainability and Transformation

Plan/Partnership

SUI - Serious Untoward Incident

T

TACC - Theatres and Critical Care directorate

TIA - Transient Ischaemic Attack

TLC - Turn off, Lights out, Close doors

TMG - Theatre Management Group

TNA - Training Needs Analysis

TPN - Total Parenteral Nutrition

TOC – Trust Operation Centre

ToR - Terms of Reference

TTA - To Take Away

TTO - To Take Out

TUPE - Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of

Employment) Regulations 1981



UCB - Urgent Care Board

UI - Untoward Incident

UGI - Upper Gastrointestinal

UTI - Urinary Tract Infection



ViP - Values in Practice

VfM - Value for Money

VSM - Very Senior Manager

VTE - Venous Thromboembolism



WAM - Windsor and Maidenhead

WHO - World Health Organization

WLI - Waiting List Initiative

WPH - Wexham Park Hospital

WTE - Whole Time Equivalent

WOS – Wholly Owned Subsidiary



YTD - Year to Date

* An acronym is an abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word (e.g. PIN, NICU). An initialism is an abbreviation consisting of initial letters pronounced separately (e.g. BBC, NHS).

Dictionary

Α

Accident & Emergency – hospital department that assesses and treats people with serious injuries and those in need of emergency treatment (NHS is now changing these to Emergency Departments)

Acute – describes a disease of rapid onset, severe symptoms and brief duration

Acute care – specific care for diseases or illness that progress quickly, feature severe symptoms and have a brief duration

Advisory bodies – evaluate, investigate and support government policy development

Agenda for Change – NHS system of pay that is linked to the job content, and the skills and knowledge staff apply to perform jobs

Ambulance trusts – provide emergency access to healthcare

Annual Health Check – the former Healthcare Commission's assessment of the performance of all NHS organisations

Arm's length bodies – standalone national organisations with executive functions, sponsored by the Department of Health. They are accountable to the Department and sometimes directly to parliament

В

Benchmarking – process that helps professionals to take a structured approach to share, compare, identify and develop best practice

Board of Directors (BOD) – the powers of a trust are exercised by the board of directors. Any of those powers may be delegated to a committee of directors or to an executive director. The board of directors is accountable to governors for the performance of the trust

Booked admissions – system that will give all patients a choice of convenient appointments or admission date within a guaranteed maximum waiting time

British Medical Association (BMA) – professional association that represents UK doctors and acts as

an independent trade union, scientific and educational body and publisher

C

C.difficile – a healthcare-associated intestinal infection that most affects elderly patients with other underlying diseases

Caldicott Guardians – senior staff in the NHS and social services appointed to protect patient information

Care services – services that ensure the well-being of the most vulnerable people in society

Care trusts – organisations working in both health and social care offering either social care, mental health services or primary care services

Chief Health Professions Officer (CHPO) – the government's most senior allied health professions advisor

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) – the government's principal medical adviser and the professional head of all medical staff in England

Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) – responsible for delivering the Government's strategy for nursing, and leading all England's nurses, midwives, health visitors and allied health professionals

Chief Pharmaceutical Officer (CPO) – the professional lead within the Department of Health on carrying out the government's Pharmacy in the Future programme

Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) – responsible for building the capacity and development of the healthcare science workforce

Children's trusts – trusts that identify what needs to be improved in a local area for children and young people, and then plan services around those needs

Choice – system that gives patients more choice about where and when they receive surgery and other NHS services

Choose and Book – system that allows patients to make their first outpatient appointment at a time, date and place that suits them

Clinical governance – the system through which NHS organisations are accountable for continuously improving the quality of their services and safeguarding high standards of care Clinical network – health professionals from different NHS organisations working together across institutional and local boundaries to provide care for a particular disease or patient group

Clinical Risk and Safety Board – local NHS boards responsible for establishing a framework for the safe implementation and continuing use of new IT systems in local NHS organisations. The board is made up of clinical representatives including doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals

Commissioning – the process local authorities and primary care trusts (PCTs) undertake to make sure that services funded by them meet the needs of the patient

Community-based health services – services provided outside of a hospital setting, usually in clinics, surgeries or in the patient's own home Community hospitals – local hospitals serving populations of less than 100,000 that provide a range of clinical services

Corporate governance – the system by which organisations are directed, accountable and managed

Cost per case – a cost-per-case agreement occurs where the commissioning authority agrees an allocation for each patient treatment provided Critical care – an integrated service for critically ill patients when they are in the health system

D

Direct Payments – payments given to individuals to choose, organise and pay for the social care services they need, rather than using the services offered by their local authority

Ε

Electronic Patient Records (EPR) – a catch-all term covering patient data held in digital form

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) — card that entitles Europeans to free or reduced cost medical treatment in a European economic area Expert patient — patients who become experts at managing their conditions on a day to-day-basis Expert Patient Programme — programme designed to teach good self-care and self-management skills to people with long-term conditions

F

Foundation trust – NHS hospitals that are run as independent, public benefit corporations, which are both controlled and run locally

FoundationTrust Governors' Association – the only national body that brings governors together so they can understand their role, learn from each other and share best practice

Framework – long-term strategies for improving specific areas of care. They set measurable goals within set timeframes

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) – government act which gives a general right of access to all types of recorded information held by public authorities

G

General Medical Council (GMC) – the statutory body responsible for licensing doctors to practise medicine in the UK

General Medical Services Contract – contract that creates greater flexibility for GPs and represents a significant level of investment in primary care

Н

Health economy – all health organisations and staff within an identified area. It includes PCTs, primary care practitioners, NHS trusts and relevant voluntary sector organisations. May also be referred to as a health community

Health Protection Agency – advises the government on public health protection policies and programmes

Health reform – a programme of reforms to the NHS set out in the 10 year NHS plan published in July 2000

Healthcare Acquired Infection (HCAI) or Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) – infections such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile that patients or healthcare workers acquire from a healthcare environment such as a hospital or care home

Healthcare Resource Groups (HRGs) – data groups that provide a way of categorising the treatment of patients in order to monitor and evaluate the use of resources

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Independent sector treatment centres (ISTCs) – private sector treatment centres that offer pre-booked day and short stay surgery, and diagnostic procedures

Infection control – the practices used to prevent the spread of communicable diseases

Integrated care – NHS and local authority health responsibilities are managed together so that care trusts can

offer a more efficient and better integrated service

Integrated governance –system that results in the better governing of NHS trusts

Κ

Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) – NHS KSF process involves managers working with individual members of staff to plan their training and development

L

LocalAreaAgreements (LAAs) – three-year agreement that sets out the priorities for a local area in certain policy fields as agreed between government, local authority and other partners Local Delivery Plan (LDP) – a plan that every primary care trust (PCT) prepares and agrees with its strategic health authority (SHA) on how to invest its funds to meet its local and national targets

Local Involvement Networks (LINks) – individuals and groups from across the community who are funded and supported to hold local health and social care services to account

Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) – an agreement between a local authority and government to improve services in return for extra funding

Local Service Providers – responsible for working with the local NHS to deliver the National Programme for IT systems and services at a local level

M

Mental health trusts – trusts that provide specialist mental health services in hospitals and local communities

Monitor – the independent regulator of NHS foundation trusts that is responsible for authorising, monitoring and regulating them

N

National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care (NIGB) – provides leadership and promotes consistent standards for information on governance acrosshealth and social care. It arbitrates on the interpretation and application of information governance policy and gives advice on matters at national level

National Service Framework (NSFs) – long-term strategies for improving specific areas of care. There are a range of NSFs, which establish a set of minimum national standards of clinical quality and access to services in a series of major care areas and disease groups, including mental health, diabetes, older people, and coronary heart disease. The aim is to drive up performance and decrease geographical variations

National Quality Board – a key aspect of the work to deliver the goal of high-quality care for patients. The aim of the board will be to bring together all those with an interest in improving quality, to align and agree the NHS quality goals, while respecting the independent status of participating organisations. The board's members will have a range of skills and expertise and will include representatives from some of the national statutory and professional bodies that are responsible for the quality of health and social care

National tariff – linked to the Payment by Results policy, the national tariff is a centrally agreed list of prices for particular procedures. The provider of those treatments is paid a fixed amount for each patient undergoing the procedure

Needs assessment – process by which NHS organisations or local authorities use information to judge the health and wellbeing of their population and then decide what services should be provided to meet local needs

NHS Code of Practice – sets out the basic principles underlying public access to information about the NHS. It reflects the government's intention to ensure greater accessby the public to information about public services and complements the Code of Access to Information, which applies to the Department of Health NHS Confederation – an independent membership body that represents NHS organisations as well as some independent health care providers. The NHS Confederation host the Foundation Trust Network (FTN)

NHS Constitution — establishes the principles and values of the NHS in England. It sets out rights to which patients, public and staff are entitled, and pledges which the NHS is committed to achieve, together with responsibilities which the public, patients and staff owe to one another to ensure that the NHS operates fairly and effectively. All NHS bodies and private and third sector providers supplying NHS services will be required by law to take account of this Constitution in their decisions and actions

NHS Improvement Plan – a government plan that sets objectives for the NHS and related agencies NHS Local Improvement FinanceTrust (NHS LIFT) – builds and refurbishes primary care premises that it owns. It rents accommodation to GPs on a lease basis, as well as to other parties such as chemists, opticians and dentists

NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) – body set up as National institute for Clinical Excellence in April 1999 (renamed in April 2005) to decide which health treatments and technologies – from drugs to artificial hips – should be available on the NHS. An independent organisation that provides national guidance on the promotion of good health and the prevention and treatment of ill-health

Non-executive directors (NEDs) for NHS trusts – lay people appointed by the Appointments Commission who sit on the board of NHS trusts and primary care trusts with the executive directors, overseeing the work of the organisation.

Non-executive directors (NEDs) for foundation trusts – lay people appointed by governors. Governors are responsible for appointing, appraising and removing the NEDs. The chair of the trust will be a NED

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minister Lord Darzi

Operating Framework – the guidance produced each year by the Department of Health which outlines national priorities for the NHS
Our NHS, Our Future – a wide-ranging review of the NHS launched in 2007 and led by the health

Outbreak plans – plans developed to combat possible outbreaks of communicable diseases, including outbreaks caused by the deliberate release of biological agents

Outcome-based commissioning – form of commissioning that attempts to make better and more creative use of public funds to provide user services

Ρ

Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS) — services that provide information, advice and support to help patients, families and their carers Patient and public involvement (PPI) — involving the public in shaping a care system's development, and keeping patientswell informed of clinical processes and decisions

Patient choice – giving patients more choice about how, when and where they receive treatment

Patient Environment Action Team (PEAT) – team that assesses environmental cleanliness and food standards in hospitals

Patient pathway – the route followed by the patient into, through and out of the NHS and social care services

Pay Review Body – independent panels which recommend pay awards for NHS staff such as doctors and dentists, nurses and allied health professionals. Appointments to the pay review body are the responsibility of the Prime Minister. Their recommendations are submitted to the Secretary of State for Health, who can authorise the proposed pay rises

Payment by Results (PbR) – transparent rulesbased system used for paying trusts that links the allocation of funds to hospitals to the activity they undertake (in other words you get paid for what you do)

Practice-based commissioning (PBC) – is a government policy designed to give GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals the power to decide how NHS money is spent in their local area. GP practices are given 'virtual' budgets with which to 'buy' services for their populations, with the real money being held by their local primary care trust (PCT)

Primary care – the collective term for all services that are people's first point of contact with the NHS, eg, GPs anddentists

Primary care trusts (PCT) – an NHS body that has responsibility for the planning and securing of health services in a local area. It must ensure the

availability and accessibility of GPs, dentists and other health providers, as well as hospital treatment, to all in the community it covers **Public health** – is concerned with improving the health of the population rather than treating the diseases of individual patients

Public service agreement (PSA) – agreement between each government department and the Treasury, which specifies how public funds will be used to ensure value for money

Q

Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) – as part of a new NHS contract, introduced in 2004, GP practices are rewarded for achieving clinical and management quality targets and for improving services for patients within a Quality and Outcomes Framework

R

Royal College of Nursing (RCN) – theworld's largest professional union of nurses. The RCN campaigns on behalf of the profession and helps to develop nursing practices and standards of care

Skills for Care – initiative that helps to strategically develop the social care workforce, by supporting employers to improve standards of care through training and development, and workforce planning

Skills for Health – initiative that helps to create a skilled and flexible healthcare workforce Standardised mortality ratio – the number of deaths in a given year as a percentage of those expected

Special health authorities – provide a service to the whole of England rather than to a local community. They are independent, but can be subject to ministerial direction like other NHS bodies

Strategic health authorities (SHAs) – there are currently 10 strategic health authorities which cover England and they are tasked with providing strategic management support for primary care trusts and hospitals as they improve and develop their services

U

UNISON – public services and essential industries trade union. It represents employees in local government, healthcare, the voluntary sector and elsewhere. The largest trade union in the NHS

W

World Class Commissioning — outlines what it means to be world class commissioners and how world class commissioning will have an impact on the health and well—being of the population. It is a shared vision, which has been developed jointly by the Department of Health and the wider health and care community. It will be delivered by the NHS at a local level