

The present

The nhs.uk programme has turned a vision into reality by successfully accomplishing the biggest data collection exercise ever undertaken by the NHS to create these directories of services. This has been achieved by working in partnership with NHS organisations and other government agencies. There is now a network of over 2000 data providers, making www.nhs.uk the award winning website that it is.

Apart from the wealth of information about NHS organisations, www.nhs.uk is also the site to go to for breaking news about the NHS, new policies and initiatives.

The future....

Moving forward, the team are now working to make even more information available and to ensure data quality is kept at a high level.

To help us, to help you, let us know what you think about the website and what you'd like to see in the future via the site Feedback page.

For the latest information about how the NHS Information Authority is developing nhs.uk, visit the programme website:

www.nhsia.nhs.uk/nhsuk or
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Making Choice Easier www.nhs.uk

gives you the information to make choices about NHS services



Information Authority

The NHS Information Authority provides national information and infrastructure services to underpin development of government modernisation initiatives to improve patient care and the health of the citizen

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Want to know more

To find out more about the NHS Information Authority take a look at our websites at: www.nhsia.nhs.uk and www.nhs.uk

Information for Choice

www.nhs.uk holds information about the many varied services that the NHS has to offer. The website provides addresses, maps, opening times and details of how to access NHS services to help everyone make well informed decisions.

A major expansion of Choice in the NHS means patients being referred will be able to make informed choices about when and where they are treated.

www.nhs.uk is the official NHS website to provide patients with Information for Choice of Hospital.

Make life easy

Quick and easy to use, you can use the website to find out about the diverse services the NHS has to offer, including...

- Dentists
- GP practices
- Hospitals
- Opticians
- Pharmacies
- Primary care trusts
- Walk-in centres.

Simple search options using postcode or geographic area make it easy to find core information about location giving links to maps, contact details and names of practitioners, opening times, lists of special services and much more.



How can www.nhs.uk help patients?

By displaying information in a clear and concise format the nhs.uk website can quickly give you the answers to the questions you have about the NHS.

- How long will I have to wait for hospital treatment?
- I need my eyes tested! How do I find an optician?
- I want a GP that offers an Asthma clinic
- What star ratings does my local hospital have?
- Where is my nearest NHS dentist?
- Which pharmacy is open - I need a prescription made up?

How can www.nhs.uk help the NHS?

Now that information is centrally collated and stored this reduces duplication, freeing up time and money.

The NHS can now use this information resource to share data. Using the latest web technology nhs.uk can supply this wealth of information to all NHS organisations, including NHS Direct to help patients when asking for advice.