

Community health services forum

The NHS Confederation is the only body to bring together the full range of organisations that make up the NHS to help improve the health of patients and the public.

It is more important than ever to have a place for the whole system to come together in a strong and inclusive membership body. It is also important that different parts of the system can come together to tackle issues of shared concern. The NHS Confederation is keen to support all organisations that provide community health services for the NHS to ensure this crucial sector has an influential voice.

We have developed a unique offer, based on member feedback, specifically for all providers of community health services to work and speak together at a time when a clear, informed and assertive voice is needed.

Covering the issues that matter to you

Members have told us they want a **strong voice** on community health services. We will work to ensure policy-makers, national stakeholders and the wider NHS recognise the important contribution community health services can make to transforming patient care and saving public money.

Key issues we are keen to represent community health service providers on include:

- children's services, where there is potential for the fragmentation of commissioning structures
- ensuring that levers and incentives across the system allow patients to receive the right treatment in the right place
- financial systems that do not work against the development of health services in the community
- ensuring a level playing field for all types of community health service providers
- the nature of relationships between community health services and primary care as both providers and commissioners.

New member offer for community health services providers

The Community Health Services Forum provides additional membership benefits, including:

- **briefings** on key topics such as children's services
- **member events** for you to hear from and share your views with colleagues, expert speakers and senior policy-makers on emerging policy and practice
- **influencing opportunities** to shape the perceptions of national stakeholders, civil servants and politicians, and to **influence policy**
- **a voice in the media** where appropriate.

We will also establish a **national reference group** to identify and prioritise the issues that are most important to you, with representation from organisations whose primary focus is on the provision of community health services, including social enterprises, community foundation trusts, mental health trusts and acute trusts.

"The NHS will need to move from focusing on treating people when they are acutely ill to focusing on prevention and supporting self-care as well. We will need to move resources away from hospitals so that we can provide more care in the community and in people's homes."

Steve Field, Chair of the NHS Future Forum

Find out more

This forum is open to all members of the NHS Confederation whose primary purpose is to provide community health services, for an additional annual fee of £1,500.

If you are interested in finding out more or joining, please contact: membership@nhsconfed.org

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