The NHS Long Term Plan
Snapshot view

Improving quality and outcomes
- Specific waiting time targets and access standards for emergency mental health services will be introduced from 2020, including children and young people’s
- Greater emphasis will be placed by the CQC on system-wide quality
- New Rapid Diagnostic Centres for cancer from 2019

Prevention
- Funding for specific new evidence-based prevention programmes, including to cut smoking; reduce obesity and avoid Type 2 diabetes; limit alcohol-related A&E admissions; and lower air pollution
- Local health systems to reduce inequalities over the next decade

New service models
- Introduction of new primary care network contracts to extend the scope of primary and community services
- 2.5m people will benefit from social prescribing, a personal health budget, and support for managing their own health
- A Same Day Emergency Care model across all acute hospitals, increasing the proportion of same day discharge from a fifth to a third
- A new clinical assessment service will be set up as the single point of access for patients, carers and health professionals
- Reforms to diagnostic services including investment in CT and MRI scanners

Digital care
- People will be able to switch from their existing GP to a digital first provider
- Everyone in England will have access to a digital first primary care offer e.g. online or video consultations by 2022/23
- Expansion of online consultations in secondary care to avoid a third of all outpatient appointments within five years
- All trusts must move to full digitisation by 2024
- By 2021/22, all ICSs to have a chief clinical information officer and a CIO
- Introduction of a new digital front door

Improving health and care
Building the foundation

Workforce
- Potential introduction of formal regulation of senior NHS managers
- Introduction of a NHS leadership code which will set out the cultural values and leadership behaviours of the NHS
- More doctors will be encouraged to train as generalists
- Flexible rostering will become mandatory across all trusts
- New entry routes supported: apprenticeships; nursing associates; online qualification; and ‘earn and learn’ support
- £2.3m investment to double volunteers

Finance
- 3.4% funding growth over next five years
- Increasing funding for primary and community care by £4.5b and mental health care of £2.3b more a year
- Worst financially performing NHS trusts will be subject to a NHS Improvement-led accelerated turnaround process
- Finance Recovery Fund to be set up, accessible to trusts with identified financial risks
- NHS expected to save £700m from admin costs in the next five years – (£290m commissioners and £400m from providers)

Structure
- England covered by integrated care systems (ICS) in two years – involving a single CCG for each ICS
- ICSs supported by legal shared duties and ability to create joint committees between CCGs and providers
- Legislative change requested to free commissioners from procurement rules and remove the role of the Competition and Markets Authority in NHS merger and acquisitions
- Exploration of opportunities to fund public health services through the NHS budget
- NHS England and NHS Improvement empowered to establish joint committees