The NHS at a glance

The Health and Social Care Act of 2012 changed how the NHS was structured. New organisations were created and others took responsibility for different things. This overview highlights the organisations that are now responsible for planning, buying and overseeing the quality of health services. This does not include the NHS organisations who provide health care directly to patients and who have not changed.

NHS England

aims to improve health outcomes for people in England. Its role is to:
- commission primary care (GPs) and specialist services
- provide leadership for improving health outcomes and increasing quality of care
- oversee the clinical commissioning groups
- allocate resources to clinical commissioning groups

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Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

is led by local GPs. All 64 GP practices in Leicester are members of the CCG.
- Family doctors are in close contact with patients on a daily basis. They understand what communities and patients need most because they hear about it first-hand as they treat and care for them. As a result they are well placed to make decisions about healthcare in Leicester to meet the needs of a diverse population.

The CCG’s responsibility is to plan, buy and oversee many health services needed by people living and working in Leicester. These include:
- planned hospital care
- urgent and emergency care
- rehabilitation
- community health services
- mental health and learning disability services

(The CCG is not responsible for the core activities of GP practices. This role is carried out by NHS England)

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Professor Azhar Farooqi
Chair, Leicester City CCG

Leicester City Council aims to help people live longer, healthier lives and reduce the differences in health outcomes between richer and poorer people in the city.

The council is responsible for services such as weight management, smoking cessation, oral health and school nurse. Councils are ideally placed to prevent ill health because many root causes of good health are about social and economic circumstances, lifestyle habits and environmental factors such as access to open green space. The local authority can look at the population’s health and determine what preventative health care is needed, based on the big health issues in the city and trends over time.

Local authorities have a general responsibility to improve the public’s health and specific responsibility for:
- NHS Health Checks
- sexual health services
- health protection
- sharing information and expertise with local authorities, industry and the NHS, to help them make improvements in the public’s health
- national child measurement programme
- public health advice to the NHS

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Health and wellbeing boards

are a place for leaders in health and social care across the NHS, social care, public health, Healthwatch and other services for adults and children to work together. Their aim is to improve local health and wellbeing and to make sure that everyone has the same chance of good health, no matter what their background. They do this through joint planning and deciding together what the most important health issues in the city are.

They also make sure health and social care services are working together as effectively as possible. The health and wellbeing board in Leicester is chaired by Councillor Rory Palmer the deputy city mayor and lead member for health and wellbeing. The board has developed the strategy, Closing the Gap, a plan to improve health and wellbeing in Leicester.

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Chair, Leicester City CCG

Cllr Rory Palmer
Chair, Health and wellbeing board

Public Health England

aims to protect and improve the nation’s health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.

Responsibilities include:
- making the public healthier by encouraging discussions, advising government and supporting the work of local government, the NHS and other people and organisations
- protecting the nation’s health through the national health protection service, and preparing for public health emergencies
- researching, collecting and analysing data to improve our understanding of health and come up with answers to public health problems
- reporting on improvements in the public’s health
- helping local authorities and the NHS to develop the public health system and its specialist workforce

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Healthwatch

was created in April 2013 to be the consumer voice for health and social care in England. Healthwatch Leicester is one of 148 local Healthwatch organisations in England.

You can contact Healthwatch Leicester to tell them about the NHS services you receive, what you like and dislike, what is good and bad. They will then work on your behalf to help improve services locally. Healthwatch Leicester gives local people a powerful voice by making sure their views and experiences are heard by those who run, plan and regulate health and social care services.

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