

Nuffield Trust Strategy 2020–25

Evidence for better health care

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Who we are

The Nuffield Trust is a leading independent health think tank aiming to improve the health and care of people in the UK.

We publish evidence-based research and policy analysis and generate informed debate to help achieve a high-quality health and social care system.

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What we do

We undertake rigorous applied research and policy analysis.

We use our independence to provide expert commentary, analysis and scrutiny of policy and practice.

We bring together policy-makers, practitioners and others to develop solutions to the challenges facing the health and social care system.

Where we are heading

We want to be a **renowned source of intelligence for policy-makers and the wider public** on the impact of politics, reform and funding on the health and care sector.

We want to be leaders in analysis grounded in a **deep understanding of NHS history** that informs future decision-making by policy-makers and those planning and delivering health and care.

We'll **work across inter-disciplinary boundaries** to improve the evidence base on the interaction between health and other public policy sectors.

We'll make **demonstrable impact** on policy and practice in the design and delivery of health care in the UK.

What we are working on

The structure and funding of health and social care

- Forensic scrutiny of NHS finances
- Practical thinking on reform of the social care system
- Scrutinising plans to move or reconfigure health services

Workforce

- Identifying ways to encourage people to train and stay in health service careers
- Tracking progress in tackling gender and ethnicity pay gaps
- Providing constructive commentary on government plans to close the workforce gap

What we are working on

Primary care

- Tracking changes in the primary care workforce
- Suggesting workable solutions for:
 - rising demand
 - increased complexity
 - continuity of care

Small, remote and rural services

- Building on our work on acute medicine and smaller hospitals
- Offering policy recommendations to sustain services in disadvantaged areas
- Exposing the unavoidable costs incurred by remote and rural hospitals

What we are working on

Quality and equity

- **Monitoring key indicators and trends in care quality and access to services**
- **Expanding our programme on outcomes for children and young people**
- **Deepening our analysis of prisoner health**

Technology and digital

- **Assessing the practical implications of creating a digital NHS**
- **Evaluating new technologies and the opportunities they offer for patients, staff and for improving care**

How we'll do it

We are independent and free from vested interests.

We are rigorous, robust and evidence-based.

We are innovative, supportive and challenging.

We are open and engaging with all those we come into contact with.