

## HEALTHCARE ACRONYMS

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<b>AAD</b>	Antibiotic Associated Diarrhoea
<b>A&amp;C</b>	Admin & Clerical
<b>AF</b>	Assurance Framework
<b>AHP</b>	Allied Health Professional(s)
<b>ALE</b>	Auditors Local Evaluation
<b>ANTT</b>	Aseptic No Touch Technique
<b>ASWCS</b>	Avon Somerset & Wiltshire Cancer Services network
<b>ATOS</b>	Independent Diagnostics Company Name
<b>BCHS</b>	Bristol Community Health Service(s)
<b>BDH</b>	Bristol Dental Hospital
<b>BEH</b>	Bristol Eye Hospital
<b>BGH</b>	Bristol General Hospital
<b>BHI</b>	Bristol Heart Institute
<b>BHOC</b>	Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre
<b>BHSP</b>	Bristol Health Services Plan
<b>BIPAP</b>	Biphasic Positive Airway Pressure (lung ventilation)
<b>BME</b>	Black & Minority Ethnic (group)
<b>BMT</b>	Bone Marrow Transplant
<b>BNSSG</b>	Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire (area trusts)
<b>BPCT</b>	Bristol Primary Care Trust
<b>BOC</b>	Bristol Oncology Centre
<b>BRHC</b>	Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
<b>CAF</b>	Clinical/Commission Advisory Forum
<b>CAFF</b>	Coronary Advisory Forum
<b>CAMHS</b>	Child Adolescent Mental Health Service
<b>CAT</b>	Computed Automatic Tomography ? (scanning) ?
<b>CCU</b>	Coronary Care Unit
<b>CESP</b>	Consultant Eye Surgeons' Partnership
<b>CICU</b>	Cardiac Intensive Care Unit
<b>CMS</b>	Clinical Management System
<b>CNS</b>	Central Nervous System
<b>CNST</b>	Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts
<b>CPA</b>	Clinical Pathology Accreditation
<b>CPAP</b>	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (lung ventilation)
<b>CPD</b>	Continuing Professional Development (Training & Experience)
<b>CQC</b>	Care Quality Commission (Formerly the Healthcare Commission)
<b>CQUIN</b>	Commission for Quality & Innovation
<b>CRAC</b>	Clinical Risk Assessment Committee
<b>CRES</b>	Cash Release Efficiency Savings
<b>CRS</b>	Clinical Record System
<b>CT</b>	Computed Tomography (scanning)
<b>CXR</b>	Chest X-Ray
<b>CYPP</b>	Children & Young Peoples' Partnership
<b>DEXA</b>	Bone Density Scanner

<b>DGH</b>	District General Hospital
<b>DH</b>	Department of Health
<b>DoS</b>	Directory of Services
<b>DSSA</b>	Delivering Same Sex Accommodation
<b>D&amp;TS</b>	Diagnostic and Therapy Services
<b>EAU</b>	Emergency Assessment Unit
<b>ECIST</b>	Emergency Care Intensive Support Team
<b>ECN</b>	Extended Choice Network
<b>ECP</b>	Emergency Care Practitioner
<b>ED</b>	Emergency Department
<b>EDD</b>	Estimated (Expected) Discharge Date
<b>EFS</b>	Expected Future Survival or Event Free Survival
<b>Elective</b>	An appointment admission (not emergency)
<b>ELS</b>	Existing Liabilities Scheme
<b>EMR</b>	Endoscopic Mucosal Resection
<b>ENT</b>	Ear Nose & Throat or Existing National Targets
<b>EOI</b>	Expressions of Interest
<b>EPF</b>	Emergency Patient Flow
<b>ETT</b>	Endo Tracheal Tube
<b>EUS</b>	Endoscopic Ultra Sound
<b>FBC</b>	Full Business Case
<b>FREM</b>	Financial Reporting Manual
<b>FTE</b>	Full Time Equivalent (staffing levels)
<b>GA</b>	General Anaesthetic
<b>GDP</b>	General Dental Practice
<b>GI</b>	Gastro Intestinal
<b>GPSU</b>	General Practitioner Support Unit
<b>GUCH</b>	Grown-Up Congenital Heart <i>disease &amp; patients association</i>
<b>GUM</b>	Genito-Urinary Medicine
<b>GWAS</b>	Great Western Ambulance Service
<b>HCC</b>	Health Care Commission (targets)
<b>HCAI</b>	Health Care Associated Infection
<b>HDU</b>	High Dependency Unit
<b>HDR</b>	High Dose Rate
<b>BHI</b>	Bristol Heart Institute
<b>HIA</b>	Healthcare Intelligence Agency
<b>HPA</b>	Health Protection Agency
<b>HRG</b>	Health Resource Group
<b>HSMR</b>	Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio
<b>IAU</b>	Integrated Assessment Unit
<b>IBP</b>	Integrated Business Plan
<b>IMD</b>	Index of Multiple Deprivation
<b>IGRT</b>	Image Guided Radio Therapy
<b>IFRS</b>	International Financial reporting Standards
<b>IMRT</b>	Intensity Modulated Radio Therapy
<b>IOG</b>	
<b>IS</b>	Independent Sector
<b>IM&amp;T</b>	Information Management & Technology (Department)

<b>ISTC</b>	Independent Sector Treatment Centre
<b>ITU</b>	Intensive Care Unit
<b>JSNA</b>	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
<b>LDP</b>	Local Delivery Plan
<b>LOS</b>	Length of Stay (in care)
<b>LSP</b>	Local Service Provider
<b>LTPS</b>	Liabilities to Third Parties Scheme
<b>MATS</b>	Musculo-skeletal Treatment & Triage Service
<b>MAU</b>	Medical Assessment Unit
<b>MCC</b>	Maternal Critical Care
<b>MDT</b>	Multi Disciplinary Team
<b>MEMO</b>	Medical Engineering Maintenance Office
<b>MIU</b>	Minor Injuries Unit
<b>MMC</b>	Modernising Medical Careers
<b>MFF</b>	Market Forces Factor
<b>MI</b>	Myocardial Infarction
<b>MOC</b>	Models of Care
<b>MRI</b>	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (scan)
<b>MSC</b>	Managed Service Contract
<b>NAP</b>	No Abbreviations Policy
<b>NBT</b>	North Bristol Trust
<b>NCRS</b>	National Clinical Record System
<b>NICE</b>	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
<b>NIHR</b>	National Institute for Health Research
<b>NPSA</b>	National Pharmaceutical Safety Association
<b>NRAG</b>	National Radiotherapy Advisory Group
<b>NSCG</b>	National Specialised Commissioning Group
<b>NSF</b>	National Service Framework
<b>NT</b>	National Targets
<b>OD</b>	Organ Donation
<b>OGD</b>	Oesophagus Endoscopy
<b>OMFS</b>	Oral & Maxillo-Facial Surgery
<b>OPD</b>	Outpatient Department
<b>ODP</b>	Operating Department Practitioner
<b>OSA</b>	Obstructive Sleep Apnea
<b>OSR</b>	Other Sector Providers
<b>OT</b>	Occupational Therapy
<b>OTC</b>	Over The Counter (drugs)
<b>PACS</b>	Picture Archiving & Computerised Storage
<b>PALS</b>	Patient Advice and Liaison Service
<b>PBC</b>	Practice Based Commissioning
<b>PBL</b>	Prudential Borrowing Limit
<b>PC</b>	Patient Choice / Primary Trust
<b>PCI</b>	Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
<b>PCT</b>	Primary Care Trust
<b>PCT</b>	Preventative Commissioning Target
<b>PDC</b>	Public Dividend Capital (funding)
<b>PEAT</b>	Patient Environment Audit (Action) Team
<b>PES</b>	Property Expenses Scheme

<b>PET</b>	Positron Emission Tomography (scanning)
<b>PLC</b>	Patient Level Costing
<b>POA</b>	Present on Admission (or Point Of Access) nurses
<b>PPI</b>	Public Private Investment/Initiative
<b>PPIF</b>	Patient and Public Involvement Forum.
<b>PROM</b>	Patient Reported Outcome Measure
<b>PbyR</b>	Payment by Results
<b>PTCA</b>	Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty
<b>PTS</b>	Patient Transport Service
<b>QOF</b>	Quality and Outcomes Framework
<b>QDU</b>	Queens Day Unit
<b>RACPC</b>	Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic
<b>RCA</b>	Root Cause Analysis
<b>RCI</b>	Reference Cost Index
<b>RIS</b>	? I.T. imaging system
<b>RPST</b>	Risk Pooling Scheme for Trusts (negligence claims)
<b>RTA</b>	Road Traffic Accident
<b>RTT</b>	Referral to Treatment Time
<b>RUHT</b>	Royal United Hospital Trust
<b>RUMS</b>	Resource Utilisation Management Scheme
<b>SARC</b>	Sexual Assault Referral Centre
<b>SALT</b>	Speech And Language Therapy
<b>SBCH</b>	South Bristol Community Hospital
<b>SCG</b>	Specialised Commissioning Group
<b>SDG</b>	Specialist Development Group (Diabetes etc)
<b>SDG</b>	Can also be Service Design Group
<b>SGPCT</b>	South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust
<b>Sg2</b>	An International Healthcare Intelligence Organisation
<b>SHA</b>	Strategic Health Authority
<b>SIC</b>	Statement of Internal Control
<b>SLA</b>	Service Level Agreement
<b>SLR</b>	Service Line Reporting
<b>SMART</b>	Specific Measurable Achievable Resourced & Time constrained
<b>SPECT</b>	Single Photo Emission Computerised Tomography (scanners)
<b>Spells</b>	No. of periods in Healthcare
<b>SSNDS</b>	Specialised Services National Definitions Set
<b>STAU</b>	Surgical & Trauma Assessment Unit
<b>StM</b>	St. Michael's Hospital
<b>SUI</b>	Serious Untoward Incident
<b>SWSCG</b>	South West Specialised Commissioning Group
<b>T&amp;O</b>	Trauma & Orthopaedics
<b>TEG</b>	Trust Executive Group
<b>TOG</b>	Trust Operational Group
<b>TOR</b>	Terms of Reference
<b>Tertiary</b>	In respect of Healthcare Services – External to Trust area?
<b>TIA</b>	Transient Ischemic Attack
<b>TMR</b>	Trans-Myocardial Revascularisation
<b>TUPE</b>	Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment (Regulations)
<b>UHBFT</b>	University Hospitals Bristol Foundation Trust

<b>UGI</b>	Upper Gastro Intestinal
<b>UoB</b>	University of Bristol
<b>USP</b>	Unique Selling Point
<b>VBAC</b>	Vaginal Birth After Caesarian
<b>VPLS</b>	? information service
<b>VTE</b>	Venous Thrombo-Embolism
<b>WCC</b>	World Class Commissioning
<b>WCF</b>	Working Capital Facility
<b>WHAT</b>	Weston Area Health Trust
<b>WIC</b>	Walk In Centre
<b>YTD</b>	Year To Date
<b>5*RAE</b>	Research Assessment Exercise. University ranking - 5* is best

## Glossary

**Commissioning** – the process of assessing the needs of a local population and putting in place services to meet those needs.

**Commissioning for Quality and Innovation (CQUIN) framework** – the CQUIN framework enables those commissioning care to pay for better quality care, helping promote a culture of continuous improvement.

**Currencies** – in a tariff-based payment system, payments are made for defined units of healthcare (such as an out-patient appointment with a consultant). These are known as currencies.

**Foundation trusts** – NHS providers who achieve foundation trust status have greater freedoms and are subject to less central control, enabling them to be more responsive to the needs of local populations.

**Health Bill** – proposals for a Health Bill were included in the Queen’s Speech for the first Parliamentary session of the coalition Government. The Health Bill will bring forward the legislative changes required for the implementation of the proposals in this White Paper.

**Law Commission** – an independent body set up by Parliament to review and recommend reform of the law in England and Wales.

**Local Involvement Networks (LINKs)** – LINKs are local organisations in each local authority area set up to represent views of local people on health and social care services. These will become local HealthWatch. Further details are in paragraphs 2.23 to 2.25

**National Clinical Audit** – Assesses the quality of patient care across all NHS providers by measuring activities and outcomes, using that information to stimulate clinicians to improve their performance, to help patients choose providers, to guide commissioners, and to support regulation and performance management.

**National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)** – an independent organisation which provides advice and guidelines on the cost and effectiveness of drugs and treatments.

**NHS Constitution** – the NHS Constitution describes the principles and values of the NHS in England, and the rights and responsibilities of patients, the public and staff.

**NHS Operating Framework** – the Operating Framework sets out the priorities for the NHS for each financial year. The Government published a revised Operating Framework for this year on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010.

**Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs)** – PROMs provide information on how patients feel about their own health, and the impact of the treatment or care they receive.

**Pay Review Bodies** - independent bodies which make recommendations on public sector pay in the light of evidence submitted by the Government, employers, staff and others.

**Payment by Results** – provides a transparent system for paying providers of healthcare services. By using the tariff and currencies to link payment to activity the system is designed to reward efficiency and support patient choice.

**Personal health budget** – an extension of personalised care planning, that gives people more choice and control over the services they receive by giving them more control over the money that is spent on their care.

**Primary care trusts (PCTs)** – the NHS body currently responsible for commissioning healthcare services and, in most cases, providing community-based services such as district nursing, for a local area.

**Provider** – organisations which provide services direct to patients, including hospitals, mental health services and ambulance services.

**Quality accounts** – a report on the quality of services published annually by providers of NHS care. Quality accounts are intended to enhance accountability to the public.

**Spending Review** – the Spending Review will set out the Government’s priorities, and spending plans to meet these priorities, for the period 2011/12 to 2014/15.

**Strategic health authorities (SHAs)** – the 10 public bodies which currently oversee commissioning and provision of NHS services at a regional level.

**Tariff** – in relation to payment by results, the tariff is the calculated price for a unit of healthcare activity.

**Value-based pricing** – a mechanism for ensuring patients can get access to the medicines they need by linking the prices the NHS pays drug providers to the value of the treatment.

**Venous thromboembolism (VTE)** – a condition in which a blood clot (thrombus) forms in a vein. An embolism occurs if all or a part of the clot breaks off from the site where it forms and travels through the venous system.