

United Kingdom National Health Service

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Features

- Devolution (England, Scotland & Wales)
- Funded from taxation
- Free at the point of need
- Primary care doctors (partnerships – independent contractors) gatekeepers
- Hospital doctors (specialists) – salaried employees
- Hospitals – state owned



NHS “Modernisation”

- Increased investment in NHS
- Reduced waiting lists
- Market principles & private providers
- Tariff based payment
- Pay modernisation
- Constant reform



Improving performance

- Targets (& terror)
- Financial incentives
 - Primary medical care (2004)
 - Primary dental care (2006)
 - Community pharmacy (2005)
 - Hospitals & community services – CQUIN (2009)



Looking ahead

- Cost containment
- Quality improvement
- Skill mix/ workforce/productivity
- Prevention
- P4P
- Change of government

