



# Framework Agreement between DHSC and NHS Improvement

## Annex D: Relationships with other bodies

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In order to deliver its functions efficiently and effectively, and to support alignment across the whole system, NHS Improvement will work closely with:

- the Care Quality Commission (CQC) on quality, where the two organisations must work together on the interface between CQC's role in providing an assurance of essential levels of safety and quality and NHS Improvement's work driving quality improvement work in NHS trusts and foundation trusts;
- NHS England (NHSE) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to ensure that provider planning and performance meets commissioners expectations and intentions at both national and local levels, including working on tariff setting; and
- Health Education England to ensure that NHS Improvement has a co-ordinated and robust approach to overseeing workforce delivery in NHS trust and foundation trusts, and in representing the NHS Trust and foundation trust sector in the national system architecture, working with key partners.

NHS Improvement will also co-operate with the Secretary of State in enforcing the Principles and Rules for Co-operation and Competition which will continue to apply to foundation trusts and NHS trusts.

Relationships with bodies will change over time and may include other Government organisations, such as Public Health England, and professional and regulatory bodies not listed above.

Arrangement for partnership working will be set out and published in partnership agreements with key partner organisations.

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