

The NHS and how we fit

Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is firmly a part of the NHS – however as a foundation trust – decisions about what we do and how we do it are driven by our Board of Directors and our Governing Council; not the Government. The Board of Directors listens to the elected governors of the Governing Council and responds to the needs of our hospital members, patients, staff and local community. Being in charge of our own future allows us to invest quickly in the changes the local community needs, in striving to be the best, and in putting our patients first.

The Department of Health sets overall policy on all health issues and are responsible for the provision of health services through the NHS. Key national documents can be found on their website at www.doh.gov.uk.

We are regulated by the foundation trust independent regulator, Monitor who makes sure we manage our hospital well and makes sure we are financially strong so we can deliver excellent healthcare for our patients.

We are a 450-bed associate teaching and research hospital affiliated with the University of Sheffield and provide a range of high quality acute hospital services ranging from emergency, maternity, general and specialist surgery to critical care, medicine, elderly people's services and medical imaging.

A full list of our services can be found in Class 6 of the Publication Scheme. Our website www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk shows how we fit into the NHS within the local area we serve.