



Abbreviations that may be used on our website and in documents

While we always try to explain what initials stand for in each document we write, it can be very confusing for people to keep searching for them. These are some of the most commonly found abbreviations used in the National Health Service (NHS). If you come across any that you don't understand, then please [contact us](#).

A&E – Accident & Emergency

ACE – Anglian Community Enterprises

ADT- Admission Discharge and Transfer

AGM – Annual General Meeting

AHP – Allied Health Professional

ALOS – Average Length of Stay

AQP – Any Qualified Provider

ARU – Anglian Ruskin University

ASC – Adult Social Care

BC – Business Case

BCG – (bacillus Calmette-Guérin) Tuberculosis Vaccination

BESD – Behavioural and Emotional Support needs

BM – Business Manager

BME – Black and Minority Ethnic groups

CAA – Comprehensive Area Assessment

CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

CARS - Crisis Assessment Response Service

CARU_ Children's Assessment Unit

CA-UTI –Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection

CCB – Clinical Commissioning Board

CCC- Children's Continuing Care

CCG - Clinical Commissioning Group

C.diff – Clostridium Difficile

CECS – Central Essex Community Services

CEO – Chief Executive Officer

CHD - Coronary Heart Disease

CHUFT – Colchester Hospitals University Foundation Trust

CIP – Cost Improvement Programme

CLRN- Comprehensive Local Research Network

CNS - Clinical Nurse Specialist

COO- Chief Operating Officer

COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

CPA – Care Programme Approach

CPD – Continuous Professional Development

CPM - Combined Predictive Modelling tool

CQC- Care Quality Commission

CQRG – Clinical Quality Review Groups

CQUIN - Commissioning for Quality & Innovation

CRS- Crisis Response Service

CS(O) – Commissioning Support (Organisation)

CSS – Commissioning Support Services

CSU – Commissioning Support Unit

CT - Computer Tomography

CVD – Cardiovascular Disease

CWG – County Workforce Group

DAAT – Drug and Alcohol Action Team

DAP – Drug and Alcohol Partnership

DC – District Council

DH – Department of Health

DIEP –Deep Inferior Epigastric Perforators (Breast Reconstruction)

DNA - Did Not Attend

DNR – Do Not Resuscitate

DPH – Director of Public Health

EAU – Emergency Assessment Unit

ECC - Essex County Council

ECIST - Emergency Care Intensive Support Team

EDS- Equality Delivery System

EGM – Extraordinary General Meeting

EoE – East of England

EPRR – Emergency Planning Resilience & Response

ERPHO – East of England Public Health Observatory

ESAB - Essex Safeguarding Adults Board

ESCB - Essex Safeguarding Children Board

ESD - Early Supported Discharge

FD – Finance Director

F&P – Finance and Performance

FHSAU - Family Health Services Appeal Unit

FT – Foundation Trust

FYO - Full Year Outturn (Finance)

GMC – General Medical Council

GP – General Practitioner

GUM – Genito-Urinary Medicine

HART – Hazardous Area Response Teams

HCAI – HealthCare Associated Infections

HEH – Herts & Essex Hospital

HPA –Health Protection Agency

HR – Human Resources

HRG - Healthcare Resource Group

HSMR – Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio

HWB – Health & Wellbeing Board

IAPT – Improved Access to Psychological Therapies

IBA- Identification and Brief Advice

IG – Information Governance

IST- Intensive Support Team

JHWS – Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

JSNA – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

KLOE – Key Line of Enquiry

KPI – Key Performance Indicator

LA – Local Authority

LDRP – Local Dispute Resolution Panel

LETB – Local Education and Training Board

LGN - Local Government Network

LHRP - Local Health Resilience Partnership

LINK – Local Involvement Network

LMC - Local Medical Committee

LRF – Local Resilience Fora

LTC - Long Term Conditions

LOS – Length of Stay

MECCG - Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

MEH(T) - Mid Essex Hospitals NHS Trust

MESCH – Maternal Early Sustained Child Home visiting model

MH & LD – Mental Health & Learning Disabilities

MOD – Ministry of Defence

MPET – Multi Professional Education and Training

MRSA - Meticillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus

MSK - Musculoskeletal

NED – Non Executive Director

NEECCG – North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

NEET – Not in Employment, Education or Training

NEPFT – North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

NHS – National Health Service

NHS CB/NCB- National Health Service Commissioning Board

NICE- National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

NMC – Nursing and Midwifery Council

OD – Organisational Development

OOH – Out of Hours

OCU – Opiate and Crack Users

PAH – Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust

PALS – Patient Advice and Liaison Service

PbR – Payment by Results

PCT – Primary Care Trust

PDU – Problem Drug Use

PICU – Paediatric Intensive Care Unit

PID – Project Initiation Document

PD – Personality Disorder

PHE – Public Health England

PMO – Programme Management Office

PMS - Personal Medical Services

PPE - Patient and Public Engagement

PPG – Public and Patient Groups

PTS – Patient Transport Service

QCE – Qualification Centre of Excellence

QIPP – Quality, Innovation, Productivity, Prevention

RAU- Rapid Assessment Unit

RCA- Root Cause Analysis

RSPH – Royal Society of Public Health

RTT – Referral to Treatment

S2H- Switch to Health

SCG- Specialist Commissioning Group

SCR – Summary Care Record

SDAP –Sustainable Development Action Plan

SEPT – South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

SFI – Standing Financial Instruction

SHA – Strategic Health Authority

SHMI – Standard Hospital Mortality Rates

SIRI – Serious Incidents Requiring Investigation

SLA – Service Level Agreement

SO – Standing Order

SPA/ SPOA –Single Point of Access

SPF – Strategic Planning Forum

SSAFA - Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association

STLG - System Transformation Leadership Group

SU- Stroke Unit

SWE –South West Essex

T&L – Talent & Leadership

T&O – Trauma & Orthopaedic

TDC – Transformational Delivery Committee

TFA - Tripartite Formal Agreement

TIA - Transient Ischaemic Attack (Mini Stroke)

TOR – Terms of Reference

UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund

VAT – Value Added Tax

VFM – Value for Money

VTE - Venous thrombosis embolism

WECCG – West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group

WECS – West Essex Community Services

WHO – World Health Organisation

WTE – Whole Time Equivalent

YOY – Year on Year

YTD – Year to Date