

# West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts

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A collaboration between Airedale NHS Foundation Trust,  
Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,  
Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust,  
Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust,  
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and  
Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust.



## About us

The West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) is an innovative collaborative which brings together NHS trusts delivering acute hospital services from across West Yorkshire and Harrogate to drive forward the best possible care for our patients.

Our vision is to create a region-wide efficient and sustainable healthcare system that embraces the latest thinking and best practice so we can consistently deliver the highest quality of care and outcomes for our patients.

By bringing together the wide range of skills and expertise across West Yorkshire and Harrogate we have an immense opportunity to work differently, be innovative and drive forward change to support patients. By thinking and working as a system, we can reduce duplication and work more efficiently to deliver the highest quality care for the people of West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

## Our members

Our core membership includes the Chief Executives of the following acute hospital trusts:

- Airedale NHS Foundation Trust
- Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
- Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust.



## Our aims

The Association is already well established and starting to have an impact in our region. Our members are actively engaged in a range of work across the health and social care community, bringing the acute hospital perspective and expertise to the forefront. As part of the Association's work we will:

- work with local and regional commissioners to inform and shape plans for hospital services and new models of care
- be a strong voice contributing to the development of national policy around acute care
- share and spread best practice across the collaborative to benefit patients
- collaborate on key deliverables that are best achieved through joint working and provide healthy challenge for colleagues where appropriate
- explore and develop new business models that enable the acute hospitals to become more efficient and get best value for money
- improve our systems and processes to support safe high quality, efficient care.

## Improving services for local people

Patients are the central focus of all of our work and through the Association we will bring about improvements in health outcomes and patient experience for a population of over 2.3 million.

Through the work of the Association and its members, patients across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate area will benefit from:

- the highest quality of services and care
- improved access to services
- improved and more co-ordinated care pathways
- access to a wider range of clinical specialists
- assurance that the NHS is working as efficiently as possible and getting best value for money.

## Our projects: Building a Model Clinical Network

West Yorkshire has a strong track record in technological innovation and embracing it fully to deliver radical change in the way we provide services.

A key focus of our work is to drive forward a 'model clinical network' that will deliver improved and consistent outcomes for our patients by using the latest technology. By doing this work as part of the Association, we will improve clinical productivity and workflows and enable the delivery of seven day working whilst driving up quality and improving the experience for our patients and their families.

Our model clinical network is focusing on three key areas.

- **Establishing Horizontal Clinical Networks.** Focusing initially on diagnostics this work will lead to the development of a radiology network of expertise across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate areas. Clinicians will maximise the use of the latest technology to support closer working and bring greater capacity to support 24/7 working, ultimately improving access to specialist radiology services for local people.
- **Innovative workforce models.** Our vision over time is for clinicians to share their specialist expertise across networks of care rather than individual hospitals ensuring patients can receive care as close to home as possible. Creative solutions to workforce planning, recruitment and role development are being explored to support this more agile and efficient way of working.
- **Integrated information systems.** By bringing together patient information systems and clinical and social care systems we will be able to provide clinicians and others supporting our patients with a full picture of their care pathway. Driving this model forward across the Association's geographical footprint will enable the spread and benefit to be fully realised.

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