

NHS Legal Duties

The legal duties document sets out the specific legal duty's bodies are obliged to enact. Details [here](#)

All NHS bodies have a duty to engage with patients and the public. Some of these duties were enshrined in the **2012 Health and Social Care Act** as set out below:

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs): Clauses **S.14U**, **S.13H** and **S.13I** of the Act set out their duty to involve each patient, to promote this involvement and to support patient choice. **Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)** and NHS England must promote the involvement of patients and carers in decisions which relate to their care or treatment.

NHS England: Section **13Q** of the Act sets out how NHS England must involve the public in:

- The planning of commissioning arrangements
- Changes to commissioning arrangements and the operation of commissioning arrangements where these would impact on the manner in which services are delivered or the range of services

CCG Guide to Reporting on Patient and the Public Participation

NHS England has produced an annual reporting guide for CCGs and NHS England staff. It sets out the organisations' responsibilities to report on how they meet their legal duties to involve patients and the public in their work. Website - [here](#)

Patient and public participation in commissioning health and care

Patient and public participation in commissioning health and care: statutory guidance for CCGs and NHS England. Website - [here](#)

NHS England - Website & more info - [Patient & Public Participation Policy](#)

Participation is key at NHS England and to their vision and values. NHS England has a legal duty to make sure that participation is part of the work we do in planning and buying certain services, these are:

- [Primary care](#) – GP, dental, pharmacy and optometry,
- [Specialised services](#) – for example for rare conditions,
- [Armed forces](#),
- [Health and justice](#),
- [Public health](#)