

The independent healthcare sector: an overview

Independent healthcare providers include both for-profit and not-for-profit organisations delivering both NHS and privately funded healthcare services, ranging from large international hospital groups to small specialist providers.

Volume & scope: Independent sector providers make a varied & important contribution to supporting patients



IHPN members employ staff numbering an overall total of more than **150,000**

21% of NHS **ophthalmology, trauma and orthopaedic** patients are treated by independent sector providers.



IHPN members provide healthcare services in over **600** sites across UK.



In 2020, there were almost



3m acute patient journeys across the independent sector.

Almost **700k** private patient journeys and almost **2.3m** NHS patient journeys.

2k+ NHS junior doctors have undertaken their training in independent hospital facilities during 2020.



community services delivered by independent providers
Commissioned by **91 CCGs** and local authorities across England.



250k+ CT scans have been delivered by independent diagnostics providers as part of a national NHS contract throughout covid19.

Quality & safety: Independent sector providers deliver high quality care that patients value

83% ★★★★★ of acute independent hospitals & independent diagnostics providers are rated either good or outstanding by the **Care Quality Commission**

7 of the top 10 providers under PROMs scores for primary hip and knee replacements are from the independent sector.

(Oxford Hip and knee scores, measured by adjusted health gain), between April 2019 and March 2020)



almost **100** Freedom to **Speak Up Guardians** in the independent health sector



almost **60,000** independent hospital submissions to the **National Joint Registry** to drive up clinical standards – representing **47%** of total submissions