



# Membership Brochure 2021/2022



## Message from IHPN Chief Executive & Chair

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At IHPN we exist to deliver a fantastic service to members – supporting independent organisations across the whole health system to deliver high quality care to NHS and private patients and helping them navigate and influence the healthcare landscape.

The extraordinary response to the challenges of covid19 has shown the independent healthcare sector at its very best. And the pandemic has demonstrated like never before the importance of having an effective industry body for independent healthcare - whether that's through IHPN helping deploy resources to support the NHS or our work to ensure that all independent sector staff can access vital covid19 vaccines, testing and PPE.

And going forward we'll be working hard for all our members – whether they deliver primary, community, diagnostics, or acute care - to ensure that independent providers are at the heart of the NHS elective recovery, and continue to drive further improvements in the quality and safety in the sector.

This brochure shows the excellent work the IHPN team do to provide a collective voice for the independent sector and champion their interests in the media, government, NHS and wider healthcare community.

We do hope you will consider joining our thriving network - helping you to continue to deliver the highest quality care for patients.

**David Hare**  
Chief Executive, IHPN

**Professor the Lord Patel of Bradford OBE**  
Chair, IHPN



# Independent Healthcare Providers Network (IHPN)

## About us

IHPN is the membership organisation for independent healthcare providers across the UK. Our 100+ members range across the whole care pathway, from primary, community and diagnostics through to acute specialist care. We represent everyone from large corporate providers through to start-ups and smaller scale operators.

## IHPN mission

IHPN is the membership network for independent healthcare providers. We play a leading role in the sector by bringing all types of independent providers together, supporting them to deliver great care to patients, and enabling them to make a positive contribution to UK healthcare.

## IHPN vision

A thriving independent healthcare sector delivering great care to NHS and private patients.



## Our strategic approach

Our strategic approach is to deliver value for members through the following areas:

- Advocacy and influencing
- Sharing, learning and networking
- Regulation and quality
- Intelligence and information.



# Why become a member?

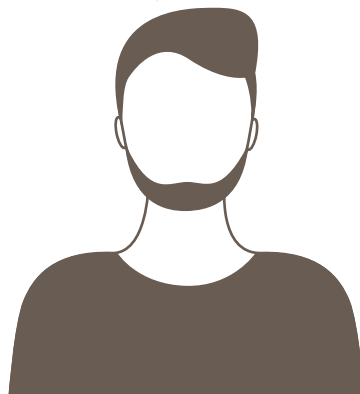
IHPN supports our members to deliver the best possible care for their patients. As the trade association for independent healthcare providers, we support our members to better understand and influence the current regulatory and policy landscape for both NHS and private patients; enable you to share, learn and network with your colleagues across the sector; support you to ever improve the quality and safety of care you provide; as well as provide a collective voice for the sector and championing your interests in the media, government, the NHS and wider healthcare community.

## What members say about us

Membership of the IHPN has been invaluable to us as an organisation.



Outstanding support from the IHPN team in the most challenging of environments, thank you.



Extremely valuable... great networking - particularly for small independent organisations.



## 2020/21 Member Survey Results

93%

of members said they would recommend IHPN to others

97%

member retention rate



# How we support our members



## Providing a forum to share, learn and network

IHPN runs regular forums as well as a range of meetings on specific issues including Brexit, the new NHS Increasing Capacity Framework, and the international private patient market – enabling members to engage with colleagues from across the whole of the health sector and hear from top speakers from across the NHS and wide healthcare system.

We also deliver top quality events including our flagship annual summit which has hosted keynote speakers including Sir Simon Stevens and Dido Harding.

### IHPN forums and sector groups

Clinical forum

Digital Leaders Group

Hospital sector group

Finance forum

HRD forum

Diagnostics sector group

Primary and community sector group

Communications group

## Giving you a voice



IHPN works hard on behalf of our members, positioning the independent sector as a key part of the health system across a range of areas. This includes Brexit, coronavirus, workforce planning, patient safety, climate change and the new legislation on NHS – making the case for the sector to the public, policy makers, politicians, employers and the media.

“With new legislation set to bring in wide-ranging reforms to the NHS, we’ll work hard to ensure independent healthcare providers can play a key role in new Integrated Care Systems.”

**David Furness, IHPN Director of Policy**



Helping you navigate the healthcare landscape

IHPN provides key insights and information to our members about their business environment, including on the day briefings on key policy announcements as they happen; monthly analysis on NHS and independent sector acute activity; and regular “Headline Indicator Set” looking at the sector’s performance on patient experience; clinical quality; patient outcomes and efficiency indicators.

Industry monitoring and communication for members

Daily IHPN update

IHPN Headline Indicator sets & NHS acute elective activity

Monthly IHPN newsletter

Weekly all-member update calls

Supporting you to deliver high quality patient care

IHPN engages with national system and professional healthcare regulators and medical royal colleges - including the CQC, GMC and NHS England/Improvement to ensure our members can continue to deliver the highest quality patient care.

We also play a key role in helping to raise the bar on data and transparency in the independent sector - leading on the sector’s engagement with GIRFT, PHIN and HQIP.

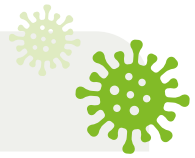
“With an ever changing health policy and regulatory landscape it’s never been more important to connect with your peers.”

**Dawn Hodgkins, IHPN Director of Regulation**



# Highlights of 2020/21

## Supporting members in responding to covid19



- Brokered historic partnership with independent hospitals and NHS England - providing vital care to almost 3.2 million patients.
- Brokered historic partnership with independent diagnostics providers NHS England - delivering over 250,000 patient scans.
- Ensured national revenue support put in place by NHS England to support independent primary and community providers.
- Developed a national framework with NHS England to enable independent rehab and reablement providers to support NHS in discharging patients from hospitals.

## Informing the debate around the sector's role post-crisis



- Held first ever virtual summit with over 20 speakers from across the NHS and health sector including keynote Sir Simon Stevens and almost 200 delegates.
- “Learning Series” of webinars established with speakers from NHS Providers, the Kings Fund, the Daily Telegraph, and Tony Blair Institute.
- Launched and published IHPN’s first ever “industry barometer” to gauge the sector’s views about their current market environment.
- Held member session with Sir Mike Richards, Chair of NHS Review into diagnostics care.

## Supporting our independent healthcare staff



- Ensured “key worker” status for all independent health sector staff, including equitable access to covid vaccines and PPE.
- Secured NHS visa extension was applied to independent sector workers.
- Published a report on “Working in the independent health sector”, highlighting the experiences of the sector’s 150,000+ strong workforce.
- Worked with the CQC to ensure fast tracking of practising privileges to support national hospital contract.





# Who are our members

IHPN currently has 100 members across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland including:





# How to join IHPN

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IHPN's membership fees are based on annual clinical services turnover to ensure membership is accessible to all parts of the independent healthcare sector.

**For further information on how to become a member**

**[Click here](#)**





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