

Screening is important because early detection of disease often produces better outcomes for patients. At this stage treatment may be more effective, avoiding significant ill health and in some cases premature death.

PHA staff provide particular expertise on service evaluation and review, assessment of the health and wellbeing needs of the population, and evidence-based practice.

They also have a key role in supporting the development, implementation and evaluation of regional service frameworks.

Commissioning teams:

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- Unscheduled care
- Elective care
- Cancer care
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- Maternity, paediatrics, gynaecology, child health
- Community care, elderly, physical disability
- Children and families
- Mental health, learning disability
- Prison services

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