

What is Digital Health and Care Northern Ireland (DHCNI)?

Digital Health and Care Northern Ireland (DHCNI) is the data and technology lead to the Health and Social Care (HSC) system in Northern Ireland.

Our mission is to harness the power of data and digital technology to improve health and care for every patient, client and citizen, while improving working practices for all HSC staff.

DHCNI sets out to develop the vision and strategy for Digital Transformation in Health and Social Care, to direct and oversee the central budget for Digital investments and work in partnership with, and commission projects and services from, the Business Services Organisation.

DHCNI also aims to bring together the disparate digital functions across the six HSC Trusts:

- collaborate to develop a region wide strategy;
- build an integrated and collaborative leadership and governance function;
- facilitate shared decision making;
- set policies and standards for IT and Information across Health and Social Care; and
- provide services and support where relevant.

Digital Health and Care Northern Ireland is led by the Department of Health and is an amalgamation of the Health and Social Care Board's former eHealth and Care Directorate and the Public Health Agency's Centre for Connected Health and Social Care. DHCNI directs and oversees the central budget for digital investments, works in partnership with the Business Services Organisation (BSO) and other suppliers to commissions projects and services.

DHCNI works to bring together the disparate digital functions across the six Health Trusts in Northern Ireland, collaborating to develop a regional wide strategy.

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Where does DHCNI sit within healthcare system?



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