

Connecting people and ideas for better health



Who we are

- Providing a free website resource for clinicians, commissioners, care professionals, managers, staff, leaders, followers and anyone who works in and around the health and social care.
- Getting you started, building your membership, raising your profile, sharing news and resources, creating sustainability
- Event management for face to face meetings from small networks to national events



“We need to create and join networks that create innovation at scale, if we are to meet the quality and productivity challenge.”

Jim Easton

National director for
improvement and efficiency



We asked, what do networks want?

- Set up website
- Promote
- Connect to like and unlike
- Share resources (documents, etc)
- Collaborate
- Manage membership
- Run better networks
- Keep costs low



What network leads can do with the website

- Create your own website on a platform built specifically for health networks
- Write your own home page highlighting your aims, objectives and vision
- Let people know how to join and why
- Include your own library of good practice, templates, presentations and useful information
- Have a news page to highlight success and innovation
- Provide a message board for members to discuss hot topics and difficult issues
- Manage your membership and keep them informed
- connect with other networks and share the learning



How members can use the website

- Keep in touch with your own networks
- Join other networks of interest
- Have one username and password to access all open networks
- Discover case studies, good practice and other useful information
- Find people working through similar, difficult issues
- Share your success, news and ideas
- Connect with other groups who are making a difference and driving change
- Contribute content via the network lead, your thoughts, your discoveries
- Follow up after events by viewing presentations and documents
- Take part in online discussions



Examples

- [Healthcare Professionals Commissioning Network](#) – 300 members
- [Commissioning Connection](#) – 950 members
- [National Clinical Commissioning Network](#)– 110 members
- [QIPP Network](#) – 460 members
- [Respiratory Leads network](#) – 73 members
- [Sexual Rehabilitation After Cancer](#)– 48 members



Welcome to

Healthcare Professionals Commissioning Network (HCPCN)

Starting with just seven people in March 2010, we now have over 300 members and all share a passion for influencing multi professional, healthcare commissioning. Following the white paper for health, the network has already presented a joint paper to Ben Dyson, Director of Primary Care and submitted a response to the consultation. The DH continues to refer to the group as the policy details for GP commissioning develop.

Type of network:

Mainly for: Dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, nurses and allied health professional interested in clinical commissioning

Membership policy: Apply to join

Coverage: national

Members: 320

Formed: 1 March 2010

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Mission statement

provide services. Dentists, pharmacists, optometrist, nurses and allied health professionals want to convey the significant message that successful healthcare commissioning needs to be multi-disciplinary in order to best support the quality and productivity challenge.

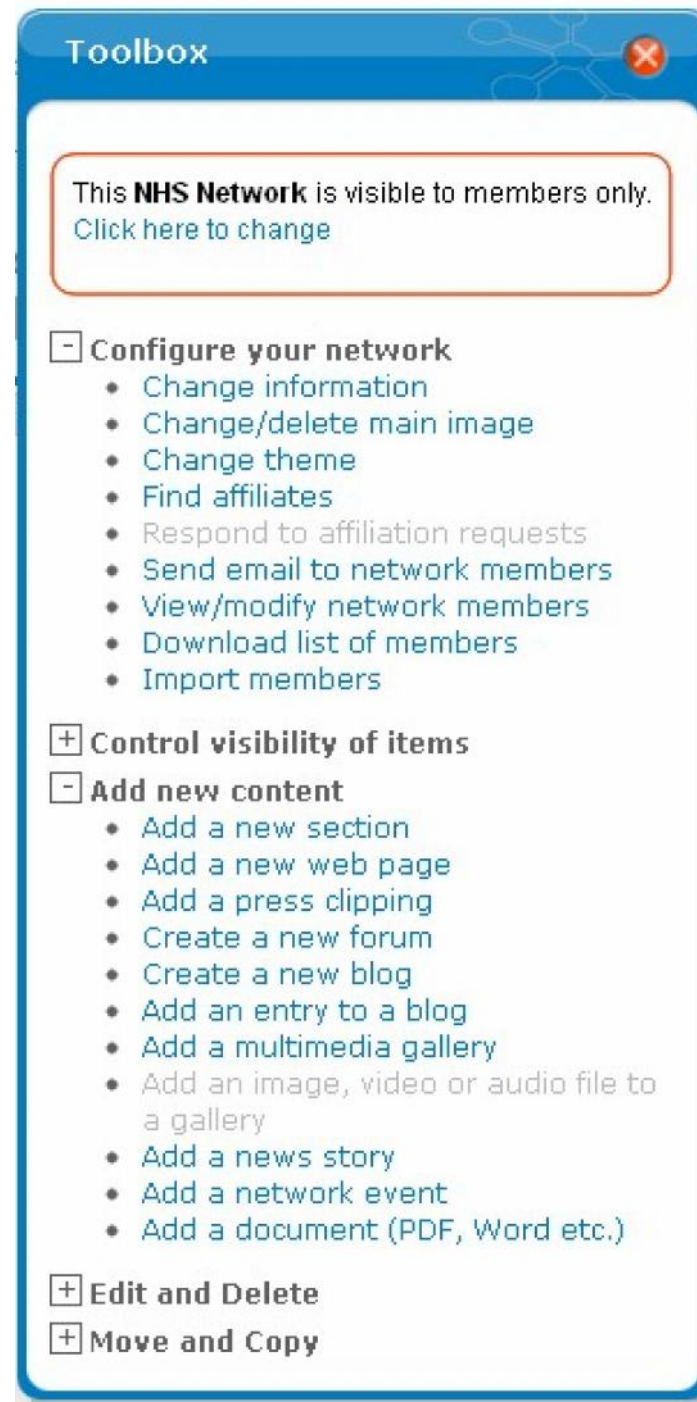
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- Move and Copy**

Through the toolbox leads can

- Create a dynamic home page
- Add and amend content
- Send emails
- Affiliate with other networks
- Manage membership
- Control visibility



The screenshot shows a 'Toolbox' window with a blue header and a red 'X' close button. A message box at the top states: 'This NHS Network is visible to members only. Click here to change'. Below this are three main sections, each with a square icon: 'Configure your network' (minus icon), 'Control visibility of items' (plus icon), and 'Add new content' (minus icon). The 'Add new content' section is expanded, showing a list of options. At the bottom are two more sections: 'Edit and Delete' (plus icon) and 'Move and Copy' (plus icon).

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Key facts about us

- NHS Networks started 2005
- Part of NHS PCC since 2007
- Home to virtual and face-to-face networks
- Clinical, professional, managerial, research, academic and social
- Re-launch February 2010 following extensive user research



Vital statistics

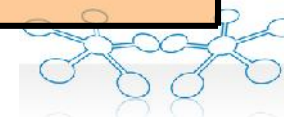
- 600+ networks
- 23,000 registered users
- 50 new members every day
- Weekly newsletter to c11,000
- Traffic growing at 12% per month*

* as at 11 March 2011



Cost benefits

	Commercial options	NHS Networks
Site development	£5000	Free
Annual hosting	£1000	Free
Lead times	3 to 6 months	15 minutes



“A long awaited resource. We have finally found an appropriate professional forum to host our special interest and discussion group in the delicate area of sexual rehabilitation. This will be tremendously helpful in helping health care professionals from a variety of backgrounds to connect to find better ways of helping their patients to overcome sexual difficulties.”

Dr Darja Brandenburg
Macmillan Clinical Psychologist and Sex Therapist
[Sexual Rehabilitation after Cancer](#)



For more information

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