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NHS Networks is a free resource for clinicians, commissioners, care professionals, managers, staff, leaders, followers – and anyone who works in the NHS and social care.

The service provides space to share documents and set up online discussions with colleagues. Set up a network to keep in touch with other people in your organisation or with shared interest groups across organisational boundaries.

It's a powerful tool to aid communication and knowledge sharing in a world where opportunities for meeting face to face are becoming rarer and harder to justify. Networks can be open to all or available only to a closed group defined by the administrator.

NHS Networks is safe and secure and officially approved for use on the NHS IT infrastructure – unlike other networking platforms and social media.

With **NHS Networks** you can:

- Publish and share documents
- Share slide shows and video
- Set up and manage discussion forums
- Manage membership
- Automatically alert members to new content
- Link with other relevant networks
- Promote your network's events

NHS Networks also provides daily news alerts straight to your inbox. You can also receive a weekly newsletter every Friday containing a summary of the week's news and our very popular blog.

Test-drive our [demonstration network](#) to try out the network administration and content management features of the site.

To create a new network you will need to be registered to the NHS Networks website. Once you are registered go to the homepage and click on to the 'Create a new network' tab, click on create a new network. Follow the steps from the network wizard.

To create a network you will need: Network name, short description, membership policy (open to all or apply to join) and contact person details.

To add content to your network, you need to use the network administrators toolbox. A short guide which explains how to use the network administrators toolbox and other features of the NHS Networks site is available at the link below. <https://www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/network-admin-guide/>

## Contact and further information

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