The 5 year Forward View (5YFV) is a collaborative vision which describes the blueprint for the future of the NHS. It was published as a critical intervention after the political party conferences but before the publication of manifestos, to ensure that the voice of the NHS is heard.

This is the first time NHS leaders have stood united with other national healthcare bodies to present an independent challenge to their political colleagues. They will use this platform to call for £8 billion per annum of extra funding given the pressures facing the health service in the setting of a recovering economy.

Why do we need to change?

‘The NHS may be the proudest achievement of our time’ but service transformation is necessary to meet the demands of our growing, ageing and multi-morbid population.

We need better ways of organising care and breaking down artificial boundaries which prevent good care coordination and fuel three widening gaps within healthcare, illustrated in Figure 1.

Outdated electronic health records stimulate repetition and inhibit communication across health and social care.

The future for patients and communities

5YFV sets out an ambitious vision for the NHS relationship with patients and communities.

- Aims to influence national and local public health policy.
- Working in partnership with Public Health England and voluntary organisations.
- Focusing on prevention rather than treatment of disease and acknowledging the need to improve the health of NHS staff.
- Creating a personalised agenda, recognising that one size does not fit all.
- Parity of esteem for mental and physical health

Patients and communities are the ‘NHS renewable energy’. The 5YFV empowers patients, carers and communities by improving access to information and personal records, evidence based education about their conditions and personalised care budgets.

Future models of care

The 5YFV sets a vision of fully integrated services within the NHS, organised around the patient and focused on networks instead of single organisations.

Two novel models of care are proposed:

**Multispecialty Community Provider (MCPs)**
An enhanced service utilising a multidisciplinary team of clinicians from both primary and secondary care. GP, outpatient and ambulatory care services will be provided at a single MCP.

**Primary and Acute Care Systems (PACS)**
Fully integrate primary and secondary care, via a single provider for GP, hospital, community and mental health services. They might evolve from MCPs or be developed by local hospitals. Eventually they could take accountability for the whole health needs of their patients and manage their allocated budget.