# United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



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Population (000s)	63,136	Life expectancy at birth (years)	81
GNI per capita (PPP Int \$)	35,760	Total health expenditure (% GDP)	9.1
Physician density (per 10 000 population)	2.81	ICT Development Index rank	8
Nurse & midwife density (per 10 000 population)	8.80	Mobile-cellular subscriptions (% population)	135.29
Hospital bed density (per 10 000 population)	33	Internet users (% population)	87

## 1. eHealth foundations

National policies or strategies				
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted	
National universal health coverage policy or strategy	Yes	75%	2012	
National eHealth policy or strategy	Yes	58%	2012	
National health information system (HIS) policy or strategy	Yes	66%	2014	
National telehealth policy or strategy	Yes	22%	2012	
Funding sources for eHealth				
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Funding source %**	
Public funding	Yes	77%	>75%	
Private or commercial funding	No	40%	Zero	
Donor/non-public funding	No	63%	Zero	
Public-private partnerships	Yes	42%	<25%	
Multilingualism in eHealth				
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted	
Policy or strategy on multilingualism	No	28%	N/A	
Government-supported Internet sites in multiple languages	Yes	48%		
eHealth capacity building				
	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Proportion**	
Health sciences students – Pre-service training in eHealth	Yes	74%	25-50%	
Health professionals – In-service training in eHealth	Yes	77%	50-75%	

## 2. Legal frameworks for eHealth

Policy or legislation – purpose	Country response	Global "yes" response
Defines <b>medical jurisdiction</b> , <b>liability or reimbursement of eHealth services</b> such as telehealth	No	31%
Addresses <b>patient safety and quality of care</b> based on data quality, data transmission standards or clinical competency criteria	Yes	46%
Protects the <b>privacy of personally identifiable data</b> of individuals irrespective of whether it is in <b>paper or digital format</b>	Yes	78%
Protects the <b>privacy of individuals' health-related data</b> held in electronic format in an <b>EHR</b>	Yes	54%
Governs the sharing of digital data between health professionals in other health services in the same country through the use of an EHR	Yes	34%
Governs the <b>sharing of digital data between health professionals in health services</b> in other countries through the use of an <b>EHR</b>	No	22%
Governs the <b>sharing of personal and health data between research entities</b>	Yes	39%
Allows individuals electronic access to their own health-related data when held in an EHR	Yes	29%
Allows <b>individuals to demand their own health-related data be corrected</b> when held in an <b>EHR</b> if it is known to be inaccurate	No	32%
Allows individuals to demand the deletion of health-related data from their EHR	No	18%
Allows individuals to specify which health-related data from their EHR can be shared with health professionals of their choice	Yes	28%
Governs civil registration and vital statistics	Yes	76%
Governs national identification management systems	No	65%



## 3. Telehealth

Telehealth programmes country overview			
	Health system level**	Programme type**	
Teleradiology	Local	Informal	
Teledermatology	Local	Informal	
Telepathology	Local	Informal	
Telepsychiatry	Local	Informal	
Remote patient monitoring	Intermediate	Established	

## 4. Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

EHR country overview		
	Country response	Year introduced
National EHR system	No	N/A
Legislation governing the use of the national EHR system	‡	
Health facilities with EHR	Use EHR	Facilities with EHR %**
Primary care facilities (e.g. clinics and health care centres)	N/A	‡
Secondary care facilities (e.g. hospitals, emergency care)	N/A	‡
Tertiary care facilities (e.g. specialized care, referral from primary/secondary care)	N/A	‡
Other electronic systems	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Laboratory information systems	N/A	35%
Pathology information systems	N/A	18%
Pharmacy information systems	N/A	33%
PACS	N/A	26%
Automatic vaccination alerting system	N/A	10%
ICT-assisted functions	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Electronic medical billing systems	No	58%
Supply chain management information systems	Yes	58%
Human resources for health information systems	Yes	69%

## 5. Use of eLearning in health sciences

eLearning programmes country overview		
Health sciences students – Pre-service	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Medicine	Yes	58%
Dentistry	Yes	39%
Public health	Yes	50%
Nursing & midwifery	Yes	47%
Pharmacy	Yes	38%
Biomedical/Life sciences	Yes	42%
Health professionals – In-service	Country response	Global "yes" response§
Medicine	Yes	58%
Dentistry	Yes	30%
Public health	Yes	47%
Nursing & midwifery	Yes	46%
Pharmacy	Yes	31%
Biomedical/Life sciences	Yes	34%

#### 6. mHealth



mHealth programmes country overview		
Accessing/providing health services	Health system level**	Programme type**
Toll-free emergency	National	Established
Health call centres	Intermediate	Established
Appointment reminders	Intermediate	Established
Mobile telehealth	Intermediate	Informal
Management of disasters and emergencies	National	Established
Treatment adherence	Intermediate	Established
Accessing/providing health information	Health system level**	Programme type**
Community mobilization	‡	Established
Access to information, databases and tools	National	Established
Patient records	National	Established
mLearning	National	Established
Decision support systems	Intermediate	Established
Collecting health information	Health system level**	Programme type**
Patient monitoring	Intermediate	Informal
Health surveys	Intermediate	Established
Disease surveillance	Intermediate	Established

## 7. Social media

Social media and health	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
National policy or strategy on the use of social media by government organizations	Yes	18%	2012
Policy or strategy makes specific reference to its use in the health domain	Yes	5%	
Health care organizations – use of social media		Country response	Global "yes" response§
Promote health messages as a part of health promotion campaigns		Yes	78%
Help manage patient appointments		No	24%
Seek feedback on services		Yes	56%
Make general health announcements		Yes	72%
Make emergency announcements		Yes	59%
Individuals and communities – use of social media		Country response	Global "yes" response§
Learn about health issues	Learn about health issues		79%
Help decide what health services to use		Yes	56%
Provide feedback to health facilities or health professionals		Yes	62%
Run community-based health campaigns		Yes	62%
Participate in community-based health forums		Yes	59%

## 8. Big data

Policy or strategy – purpose	Country response	Global "yes" response§	Year adopted
Governing the use of big data in the health sector	Yes	17%	2014
Governing the use of big data by private companies	Yes	8%	‡

#### **LEGEND**

\* Country context indicators

ICT Development Index Rank. 2015 - https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/idi/2015/All other country indicators, Global Health Observatory. 2012-2014 - http://www.who.int/gho

\*\* Glossary

Indicates the percentage of participating Member States responding "Yes"
 Don't know

N/A Not applicable

‡ Indicates question was unanswered

Question not asked

Zero No funding

International level: Health entities in different geographic regions

**Regional level:** Health entities in countries in the same geographic region **National level:** Referral hospitals, laboratories and health institutes (mainly

public, but also private)

Intermediate level: District or provincial facilities: public and private hospitals

and health centres

**Local or peripheral level:** Health posts, health centres providing basic level of care **Informal:** Use of ICT for health purposes in the absence of formal

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Pilot: Testing and evaluating a programme

**Established:** An ongoing programme that has been conducted for a

minimum of 2 years and is planned to continue