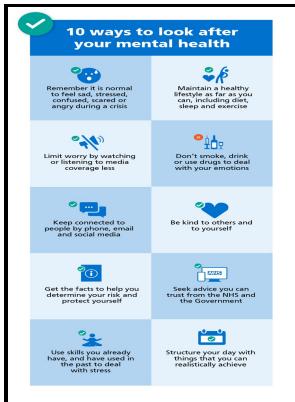


# Facing the challenge - NHS emergency planning in England

**Stationery Office - NHS enters 2015/16 facing biggest challenges in recent history, warns The King's Fund**



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## The biggest challenge facing the NHS because of the UK's coronavirus outbreak

By assuming that demand for acute services will continue to increase at roughly its current rate, the plan provides a welcome dose of realism and avoids the mistake made in predecessor plans of assuming that strengthening primary and community services will result in reduced demand for hospital care. It may be that the provision of more diagnostics will not decrease late diagnosis enough to make a significant difference to outcomes. Trusts will be supported to collaborate to improve services for example, through provider groups and, where appropriate, formal mergers will be green-lighted.

## The biggest challenge facing the NHS because of the UK's coronavirus outbreak

The time-frame of having to wonder and wait has been extremely frustrating for both managers and staff, which also includes the campaign groups and health charities, which have been promoting themselves for prime positions in this plan.

## The spread challenge

Many of the chosen clinical priorities, including mental health and primary and community services, have also been singled out for attention in recent years. Although the level of detail in the plan is variable, it differs from the Forward View by focusing more on delivery and implementation. The rate of emergency admissions is highest among the population aged 90 and above: 164 emergency admissions for every 1,000 people, versus 27 for the population as a whole.

## The challenges facing the NHS in 2019

The NAO started this study before September 11 2001 and since then updated its work to take into account progress made by the NHS in this area during the subsequent period of heightened awareness of terrorist threats.

## **The Current Challenges that the NHS is Facing in 2019**

While the new prevention initiatives are welcome, the focus on single diseases and behaviours fails to recognise that health conditions in the form of multi-morbidities and unhealthy behaviours tend to cluster together and are closely linked to health inequalities.

### **The challenges facing the NHS in 2019**

The report was not intended to address wider issues of emergency planning outside the NHS or the likelihood of any particular disaster occurring.

#### **The spread challenge**

This means that the burden of delays to elective care is also most likely to fall on the older population although rates of use of elective care are lower for the very oldest individuals, aged 90 and above.

#### **NHS England recommends uncapped PrEP trial access**

A reduction in waiting times and a further integration of health and social care are the key challenges facing the Welsh NHS going forward, the new health secretary has claimed. We can all get , if we hold an European Health Insurance Card. The greatest risk to delivery is workforce shortages.

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