



# Policy Research Unit in Health and Social Care Systems and Commissioning

We provide evidence to inform the Department of Health and Social Care's policy on commissioning to maximise outcomes for patients.

## Our partnership

We are researchers from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of Kent, and the University of Manchester with experience in developing and analysing health and social policy, planning and commissioning health services and systems, politics, economics, sociology and law.

## Our skills

- Policy analysis
- Expert research
- Data gathering
- Strategy analysis
- Intervention evaluation
- Optimising evidence use
- Linking DHSC & arms' length bodies

## Our leadership team

Director:

Stephen Peckham (LSHTM)

Co-Directors:

Pauline Allen (LSHTM)

Katherine Checkland (University of Manchester)

Senior Leadership:

Shereen Hussein (University of Kent)

Matthew Sutton (University of Manchester)

Create  
Links

Develop  
Methodology

Examine  
Commissioning

Communicate  
Learnings

**PRUComm** supports understanding of the health and social care system and how it operates.

**PRUComm** focuses on how system design, planning and commissioning can improve services, increase value for money and effectiveness, and better respond to patient needs.

**PRUComm** brings together experts in health services, social care, organisations, the health and social care system, commissioning and policy analysis to develop quality research programmes.

**PRUComm** provides a national resource by holding and analysing evidence on the health and social care system and commissioning.

## **PRUComm** Projects

### **Integrated Systems**

We are investigating the development of new local and regional forms of collaboration between the NHS, local authorities and independent care providers.

### **Primary Care Networks**

We are researching the development of Primary Care Networks, exploring how they are being set up, the approaches being taken locally and their impact on different aspects of service delivery.

### **Impact of Community Health Services**

We are seeking to identify the cost implications of initiatives in community health services to reduce hospital utilisation and referral to specialist services.

*We also undertake short-term projects for DHSC on a wide range of topics related to the organisation and delivery of health and social care services, analysis of and for policy and evidence synthesis.*

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