



## Who we are and what we do

### How we fit into the NHS structure

On 1 April 2013, the Health and Social Care Act 2012 came into force and the NHS underwent a major transformation, bringing with it many new structures and arrangements for the NHS in England (see understanding the new NHS at <http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/about/Documents/simple-nhs-guide.pdf>)

Primary care trusts (PCTs) and strategic health authorities (SHAs) were abolished. NHS England (formerly the NHS Commissioning Board) and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) are now responsible for commissioning the vast majority of NHS services, with local authorities taking on new public health commissioning responsibilities.

Monitor has assumed the role of system regulator for all NHS-funded services and it is anticipated that all remaining NHS trusts will be expected to become NHS foundation trusts within the next few years.

The Christie NHS Foundation Trust is the largest single site cancer centre in Europe, treating more than 44,000 patients a year. As part of the NHS we provide Radiotherapy in one of the world's largest radiotherapy departments (and at our radiotherapy centres in Oldham and Salford), Chemotherapy in the UK's largest chemotherapy unit (plus six other hospitals and via our mobile chemotherapy unit), highly specialised surgery for complex and rare cancers and a wide range of support and diagnostic services.

The Christie is a national cancer specialist based in South Manchester and we serve a population of approximately 3.2 million people across Greater Manchester and Cheshire while 26% of our patients are referred to us from elsewhere across the UK.

We have an annual turnover of £220 million, operating with 2,500 staff, 350 volunteers and 27,500 public members.

Cancer research in Manchester is rated the best in the UK. Our clinical trials unit has around 400 trials ongoing at any time, making it the largest early phase trials unit in the world. The Christie is part of the Manchester Cancer Research Centre working with The University of Manchester and Cancer Research UK. We are also one of seven partners in the Manchester Academic Health Sciences Research Centre.

We established The Christie School of Oncology to provide undergraduate education, clinical professional and medical education - the first of its kind in the UK.

