

Health equity – a national overview

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Where we are now: outcomes

Where we are going

The wider political context

What have we inherited?

Time spent in poor health has increased for men and women in most deprived areas of England

The difference in life expectancy between least and most deprived has increased – the North/South gap

Largest decreases in health seen in the most deprived 10% of neighbourhoods in the North East; largest increases in the least deprived 10% of neighbourhoods in London

Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On

But be careful with 'austerity'

What we need to do

Inequalities are not inevitable; we have narrowed them before and can do so again



Work across local government, NHS and partners – much can only be delivered at local level. We know from the evidence much of what needs to be done



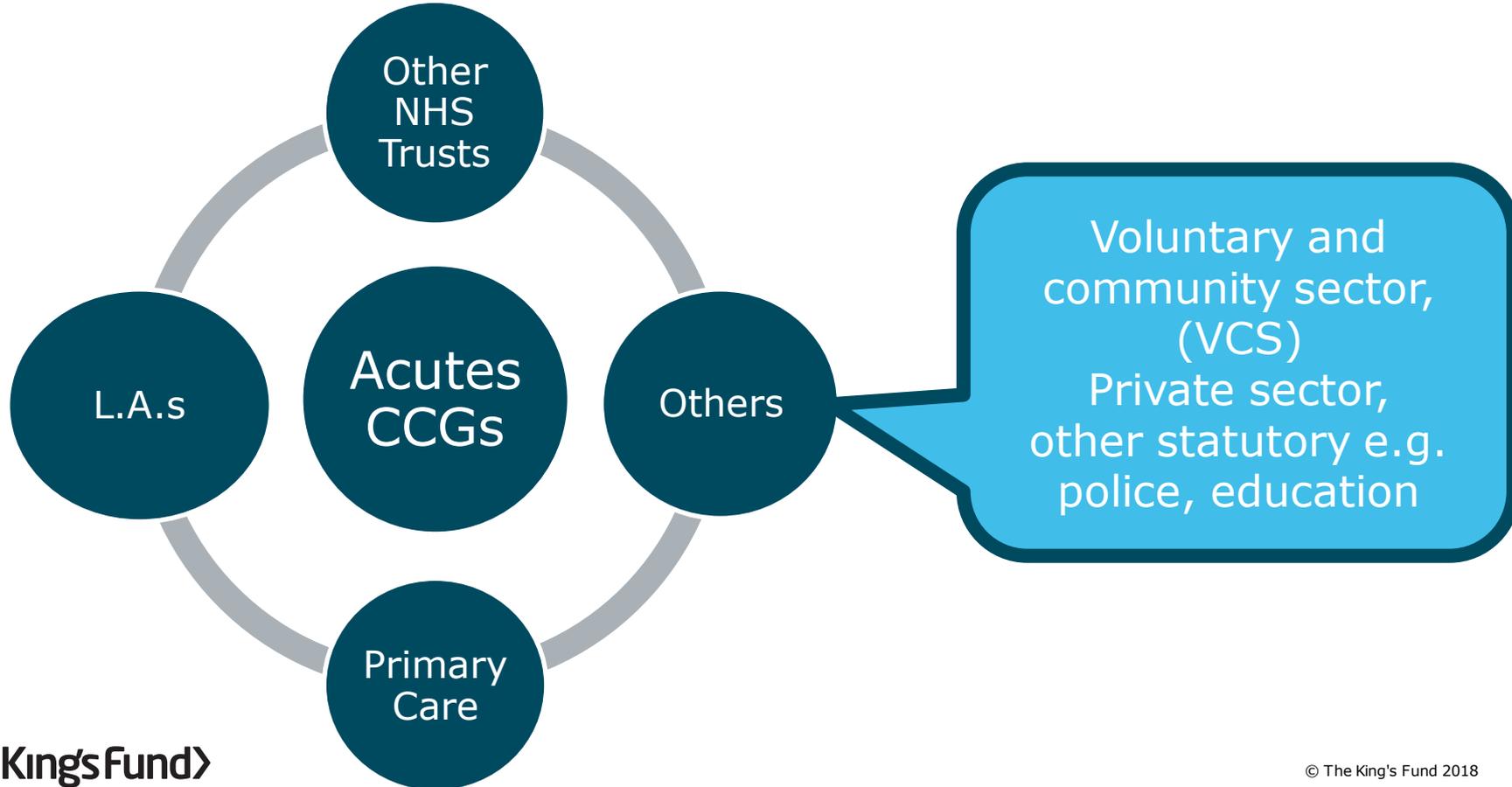
But for faster progress, we need a new national cross-government strategy, with strong coordination at national level and consistent prioritisation

The NHS and system working

	What is it?	What's it for?
Systems	The overall ICS Typically serve populations of 1m+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree overall strategy and planning• Manage collective financial resources• Develop/oversee strategies: workforce, estates, digital• Organise more specialist services• Increasing responsibility for performance across system
Places	GP, mental health, hospital, community and social care serving 150-500k . Often coterminous with councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alliances of providers (including GPs) that redesign and integrate services around people's needs• 'The engine' of integration, focused on specific groups of people for whom we could prevent illness or deterioration
Neighbourhoods	Networks of GP practices serving 30-50k	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening primary care• Making more of non-medical staff to alleviate working pressures and offer a more attractive career model• Proactively support people who are at risk of falling

- **Hard to summarise, this is largely driven at local level**
- **NHSE/I legislation as a half-way house**

Who is at the table?



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The good news

- Integration within the NHS is underway
 - Progress with local government: social care, public health
- The wider narrative is increasingly understood

The bad news

- Engagement beyond local government isn't easy to do
- A cultural tendency to command and control
- The NHS has already set a lot of priorities and is short of staff

“If you think competition is hard, try collaboration”



*It's relationships,
relationships, relationships...
All the governance structures
and technical things in the
world are great, but if people
don't have an aspirational
intent to work together, it
doesn't really matter what
you write down.*

National politics



Helping the system work well



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