



Liverpool Primary Care Trust brings together services offered by General Practitioners (GPs), Community Nurses, Practice Nurses, other community services and other agencies dealing with health matters across the city. Liverpool Primary Care Trust came into existence on 1st October 2006. This new organisation will build upon the work of the three former Liverpool Primary Care Trusts.

The creation of a new organisation with a new role provides a huge opportunity to further improve and modernise services, enabling greater integration of local health and social care services and enabling the provision of more care closer to people's homes rather than in hospitals. A single organisation will also strengthen our commissioning capacity and enable us to be truly responsive to the needs of patients. The PCT is a big organisation with a budget of over £800 million, employing over 3200 staff. Another key role of Liverpool PCT is to spearhead improvements in the health of Liverpool residents. People in our city are living longer and fewer people are dying early from the big killers; cancer, respiratory disease and heart disease. These improvements have been partly due to people reducing the risks to their own health by stopping smoking and reducing their cholesterol levels as well as advances in medical care.

However, there is much more still to do. Liverpool people still live around three years less than the national average. Enabling people to improve their own health is the most important thing we can do to change this. Eating better food, taking more exercise, not drinking alcohol to excess and stopping smoking can make a real difference to how long we live and how well we feel and we are working hard on all these fronts to make an impact.

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