

# Independent sector providers

Our contribution to NHS services

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## Volume and scope

Independent sector providers make a varied and important contribution to supporting NHS patients.



NHS Partners Network members employ or contract with over **70,000 staff**.



Independent organisations currently treat around **20%** of all NHS gastroenterology, trauma and orthopaedic patients.



NHS elective surgical procedures during 2015.



\*Urgent (including NHS 111 and out of hours)  
† Service redesign and health assessments

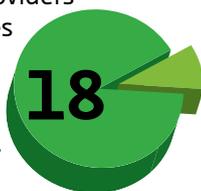


**5,000** additional endoscopy procedures performed by the independent sector, led by the independent sector run project management office, from September 2015 to February 2016.

## Quality

Independent sector providers support NHS organisations to deliver high-quality care that patients value.

**18 of the top 20** providers under PROMs scores for primary hip replacements are from the independent sector (Oxford Hip score, measured by adjusted health gain), between April 2014 and March 2015.



**99%** of inpatients say they would recommend independent sector services to their friends and family during 2015.



In December 2015, independent providers treated NHS outpatients over **10 days** earlier than the national NHS average.

## Public opinion

People are most concerned about maintaining a free-at-the-point-of-use NHS, not ownership models.



**79%** of people agree it is fine for the NHS to use private companies to provide services to patients as long as they meet NHS standards, the cost to the NHS is the same or lower, and services remain free at the point of use.