

Little-known facts about university hospitals

University hospitals play a crucial role in the NHS, **delivering** high-quality acute care, **training** the doctors and health professionals of tomorrow and **conducting** groundbreaking clinical research.

Despite a distinct role and purpose within the healthcare system, the breadth of their contribution is not always fully understood.



Almost **20%** of England's 233 NHS foundation and non-foundation trusts are **university hospital trusts**.¹



33 medical schools across the UK work with university hospitals.²

About **7,200** UK medical students graduate and **start working as doctors in the NHS every year**.³



Over **37%** of NHS trust turnover is accounted for by university hospital trusts/AUKUH members.⁴



Over **35%** of all patients admitted in 2015/16 were **treated by university hospital trusts**.⁵



Over **50%** of all **National Institute for Health Research funded clinical trials** were carried out by university hospital trusts in 2013-17.⁶

University hospitals are **part of a wider commitment** to research across the NHS, with **99%** of NHS trusts and **48%** of general practices recruiting participants into clinical research.⁷



More than **665,000** participants were recruited into clinical research studies in 2016/17, the **highest number in any given year**.⁸

