



King's College Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

King's Strategy

2026-31

Summary document

Our strategy

Our vision is to transform healthcare for our patients, staff and the communities we serve.

For over 100 years we have pushed boundaries when it comes to patient care, research and teaching. We've always sought to improve, learn, grow, develop and evolve.

We are, however, facing a difficult challenge – how do we continue to provide high-quality healthcare when demand and complexity is increasing and resources are limited? Our strategy for 2026-2031 (the strategy) is designed to help us meet that challenge.

The strategy will drive our core purpose as an organisation, which is to 'provide outstanding patient care and experience to our communities and deliver world-leading education, training and research'. It will guide the decisions we make and the areas we have chosen to invest in and develop.

The strategy also sets out what we plan to achieve over the next five years, and how we will support our teams to help them improve the way we work and the care we provide.

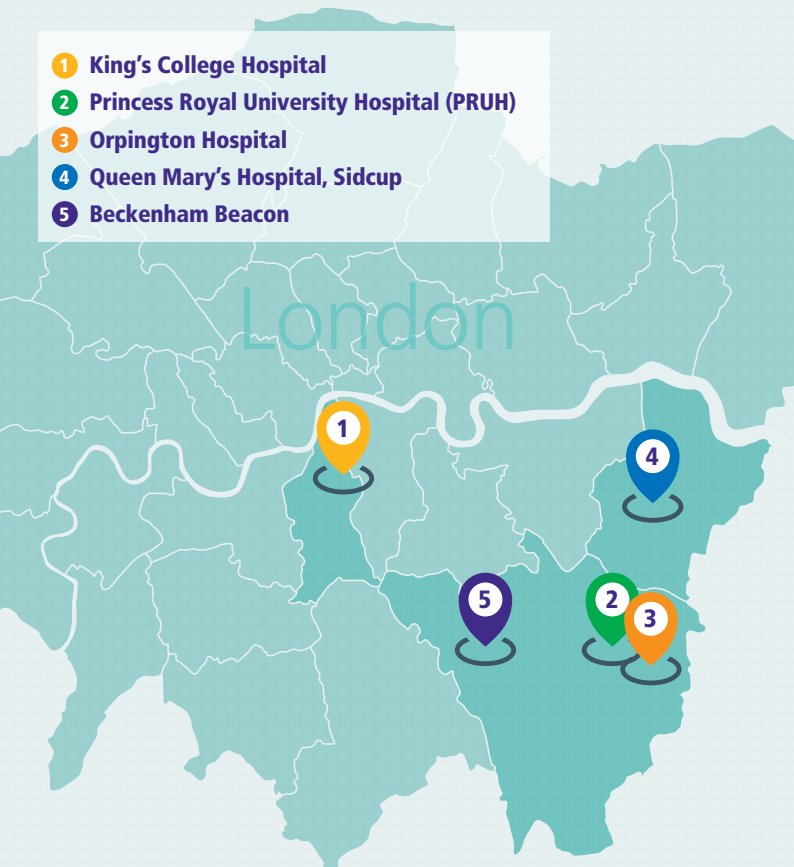
This document is a brief summary of the full strategy, which we published in June 2026.

For a copy of the full strategy, go to www.kch.nhs.uk.



Our hospitals

- 1 King's College Hospital
- 2 Princess Royal University Hospital (PRUH)
- 3 Orpington Hospital
- 4 Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup
- 5 Beckenham Beacon



Our strategic ambitions

The strategy supports our vision to transform healthcare.

We have agreed six strategic ambitions that will drive the work we do and influence the decisions we will make over the next five years.

The ambitions are as follows:

High-quality patient care

A great place to work

Pioneering research, innovation and education

Strong, successful partnerships

Timely and efficient care

Financial sustainability

Information about what these strategic ambitions mean for the services we provide is in the full strategy document on our website at www.kch.nhs.uk.



Making an impact

The strategy and the decisions we make in the future will be linked to the six strategic ambitions on the earlier page. We have already started work to make those ambitions a reality for our staff and patients.

There will be a number of supporting strategies in place, covering important areas such as digital services, estates and facilities, finance, sustainability and innovation.

We will use the King's Improvement Method (a structured approach to improving patient care, efficiency and services) to make sure our teams have access to the specialist skills and training they need to initiate improvement projects in a joined up, more consistent way.

Our values

We have agreed four values which guide the behaviours we live by, and how we work as an organisation. They express who we are and how we will continue to move forward.

We are:

Caring – we put patients and their families first and show compassion and respect in every interaction with them, as well as with one another.

Collaborative – across all of our hospitals and services, we work as one team with partners and our communities, to deliver the best possible outcomes.

Inclusive – we celebrate diversity, listening to different voices and creating a culture where everyone feels they belong and can thrive.

Innovative – we constantly seek new ideas and smarter ways of working to improve care, research and education.

Further information

The full strategy describes each of our six strategic ambitions in more detail and what they mean for the services we currently provide. It is on our website at www.kch.nhs.uk.

On our website you will also find the latest news and developments relating to the strategy.

You can always keep in touch through our social media channels:

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For staff

You can download extra copies of this summary, as well as the full strategy document, from the Kingsweb homepage. You can also read about our strategy in one of the many channels we use to communicate with staff.

Our strategy at a glance

Our vision: Transforming healthcare



Our purpose:

To provide outstanding patient care and experience to our communities and deliver world-leading research, education and training.