

*Appendix F: Public Health Functions England*⁷¹⁷²

In England, in one of their “Shifting the Balance of Power” documents for the reform of the NHS, the scope of a modern public health system is listed:

- Health surveillance, monitoring and analysis. Investigation of disease outbreaks, epidemics and risks to health;
- Establishing, designing and managing health promotion and disease prevention programmes;
- Enabling and empowering communities and citizens to promote health and reduce inequalities;
- Creating and sustaining cross-governmental and inter-sectoral partnerships to improve health and reduce inequalities;
- Ensuring compliance with regulations and laws to protect and promote health;
- Developing and maintaining a well-educated and trained, multidisciplinary public health workforce;
- Ensuring the effective performance of NHS services to meet goals in improving health, preventing disease and reducing inequalities;
- Research, development, evaluation and innovation;
- Quality assuring the public health functions

⁷¹ an excerpt from Moloughney, B. Core Functions Of Public Health – A Very Brief Review,

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⁷² Moloughney, B. (December 11, 2002).