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North West London Cardiac Network

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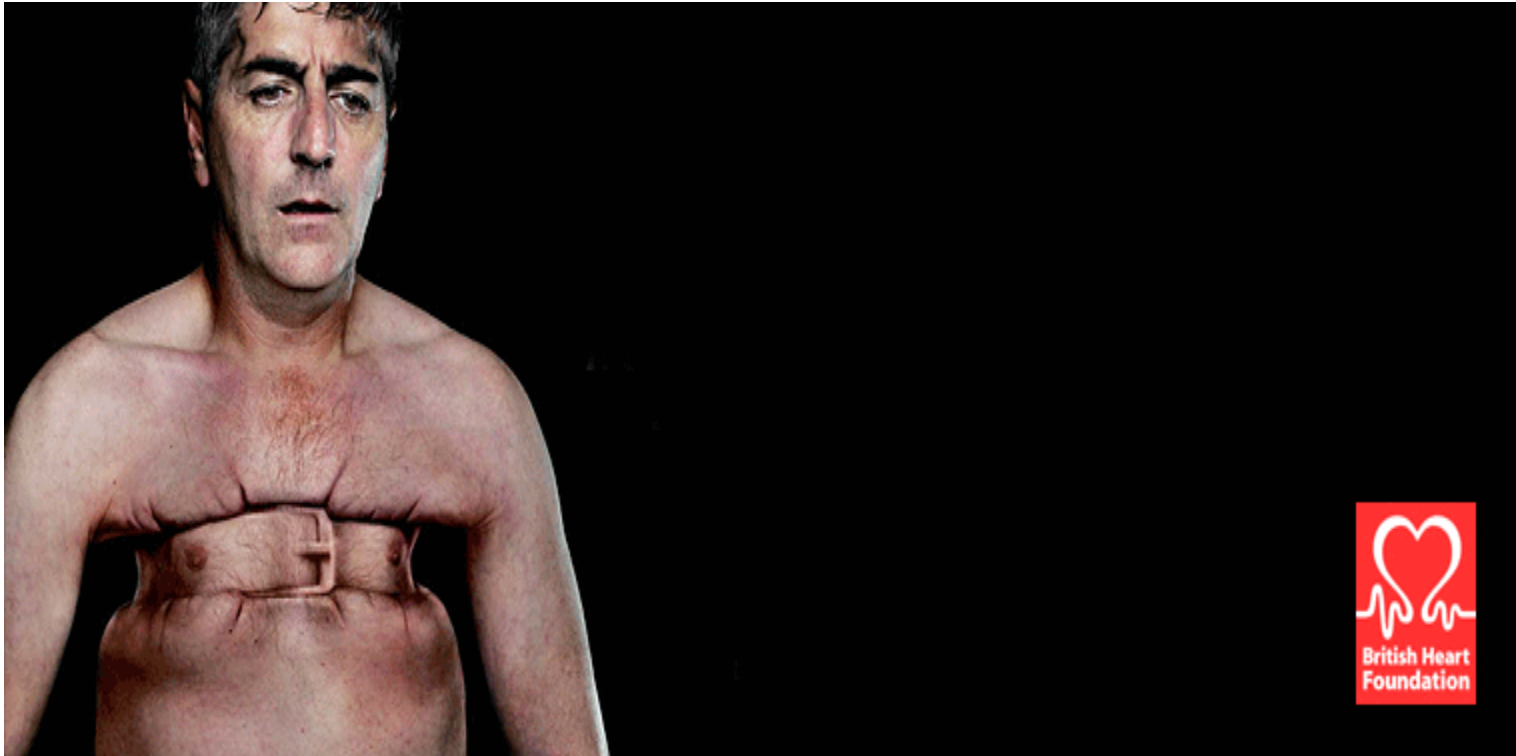
Cardiovascular disease

- Cardiovascular disease UK's highest killer - approx 37% of all deaths, £29.1 billion (2004)
- Coronary Heart Disease largest proportion
 - approx 21% of all CVD deaths
 - more than 110,00 deaths annually in England
 - number 1 killer.
- Government commitment to reduce CHD death rate in under 75s by at least 40% by 2010.

Supporting national policies

- Various supporting policies including:
- Coronary Heart Disease National Service Framework (2000)
- Cardiac Choice (2002)
- Chapter 8: Arrhythmia & Sudden Cardiac Death (2005)
- Choosing Health (2006)
- Targets: revascularisation, thrombolysis, smoking, etc
- QoF: CHD registers, BP control, cholesterol control, smoking status, AF, heart failure, palliative care etc.
- NICE guidelines: heart failure, statins, clopidogrel, devices, atrial fibrillation
- Healthcare Commission Reviews

[Supporting media campaigns]



The evolution of cardiac networks

- The National Service Framework for Coronary Heart Disease (2000) supported the establishment of local cardiac clinical network across England:

“PCTs, NHS Trusts, Ambulance Services, Tertiary Centres and Health Authorities should come together to form a local network of cardiac care”

What is a Network?

- *‘Connections across disciplines which provide integrated care across institutional and professional boundaries, raising clinical quality and improving the patient experience’ (DoH, A network toolkit, 2004)*

[Our Purpose]

- To work across traditional organisational boundaries, bringing together clinical staff, managers and service users to develop and improve cardiac services such that they provide a high standard and reduce inequalities.
- To support in the strategic planning, care pathway management, service improvement and quality monitoring of cardiac services

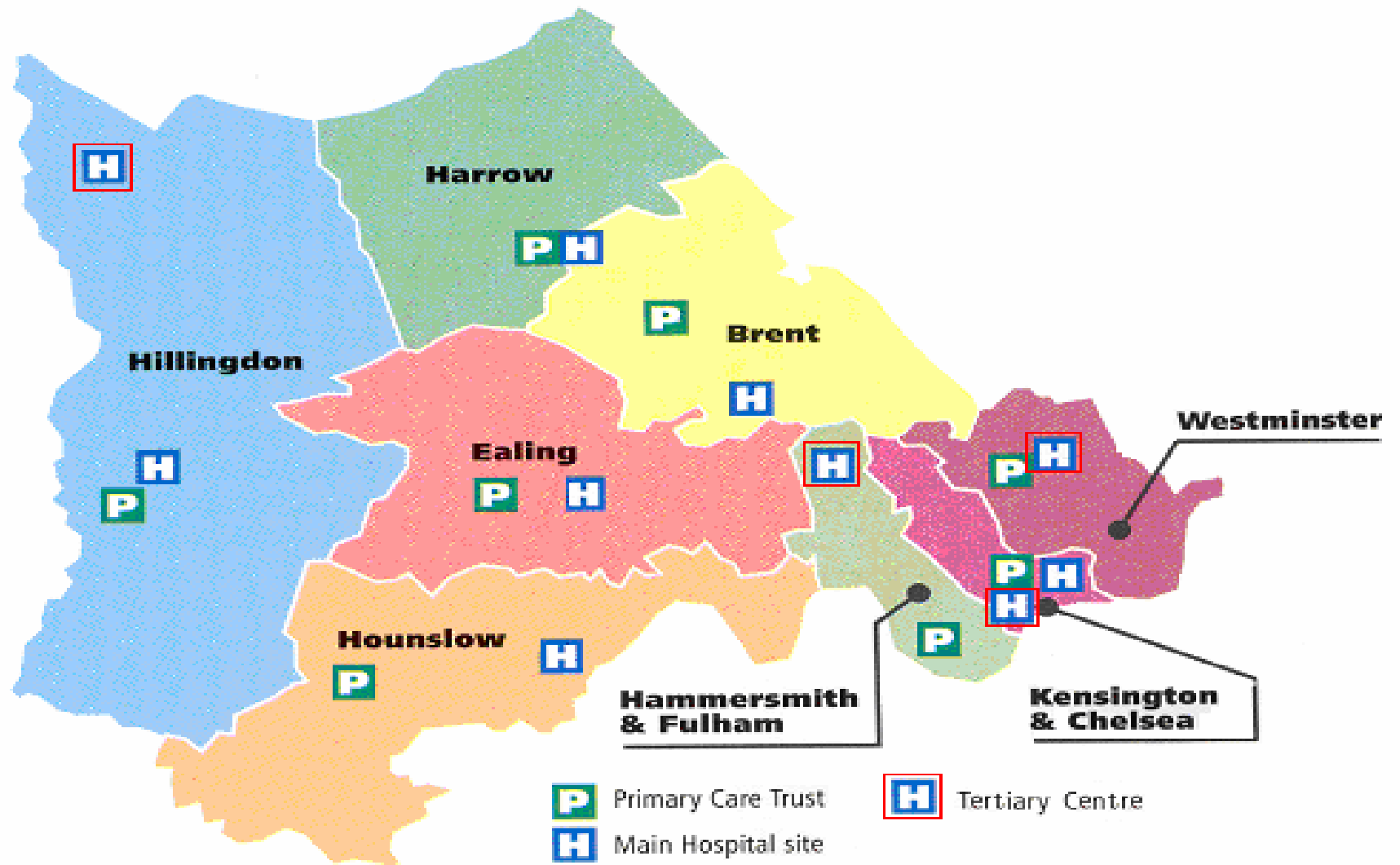
[Who is the Network?]

- **YOU ARE!**

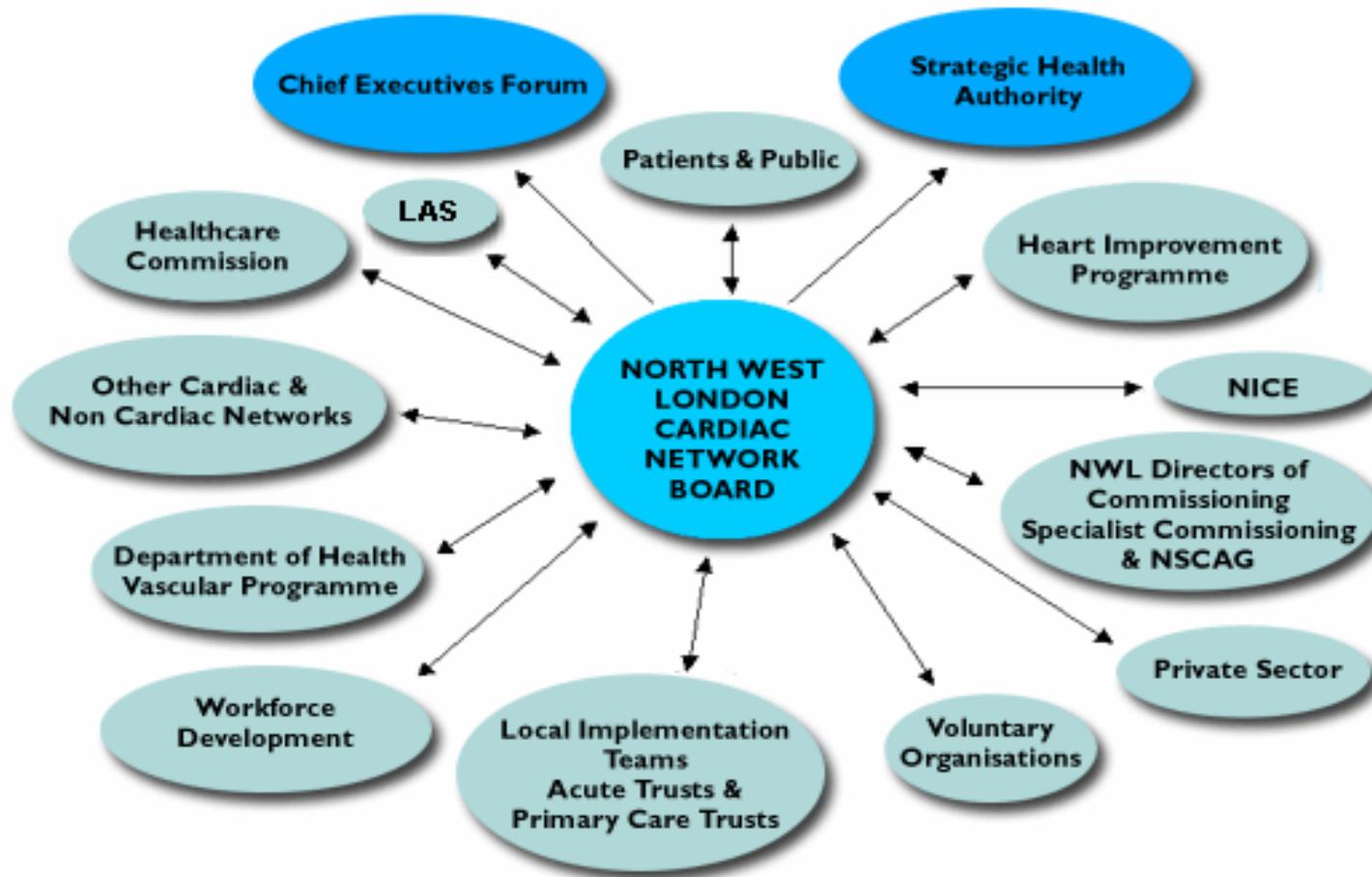
Supported by:

- Network core team: CEO Chair, Director, Assistant Director, Consultant Clinical Lead, Public Health Consultant, Service Improvement Managers, Clinical Work Stream Leads who support the organisations and clinical teams deliver improvements in clinical care for cardiac patients

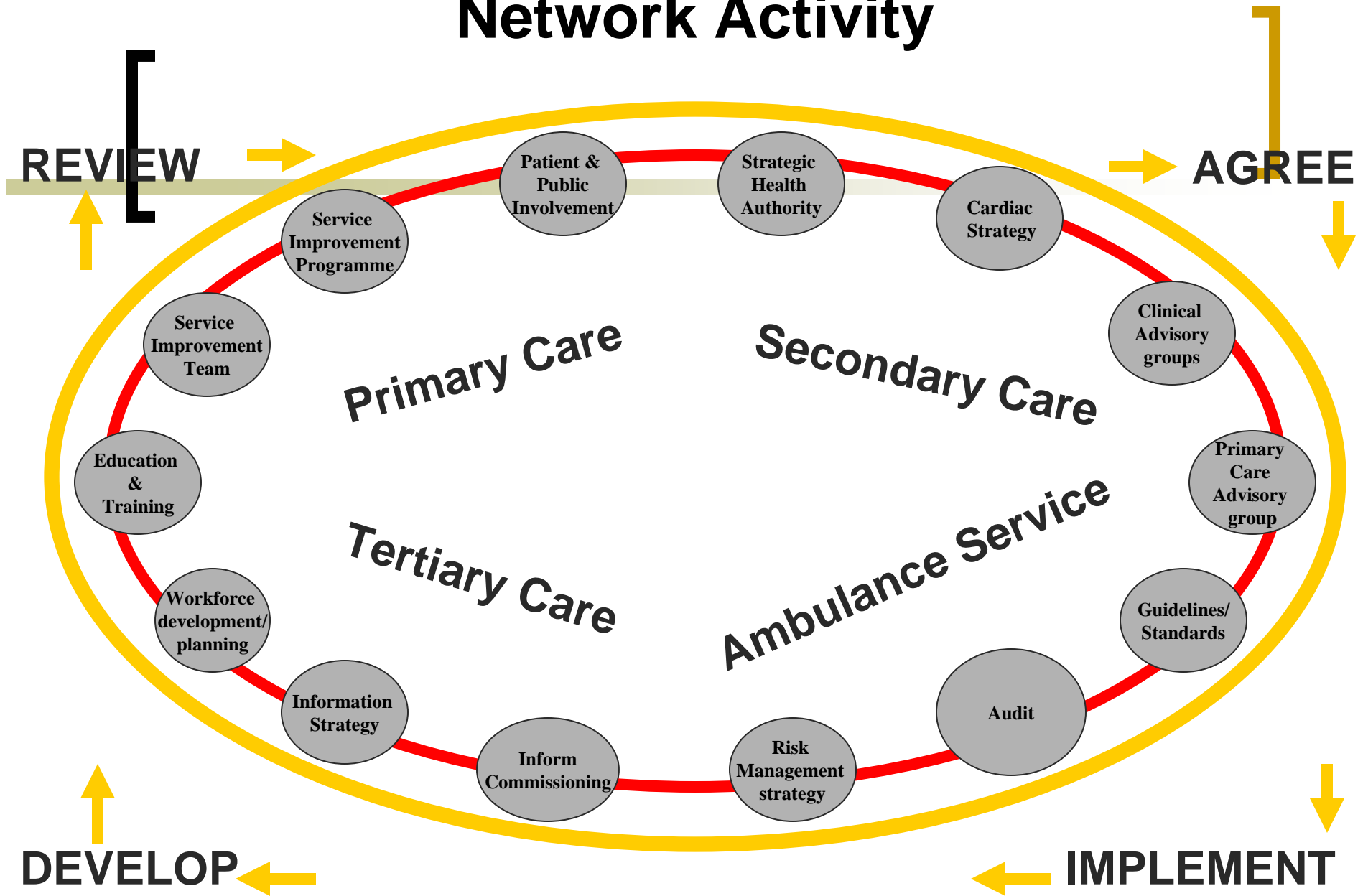
Geographical Area



Who are our key links?

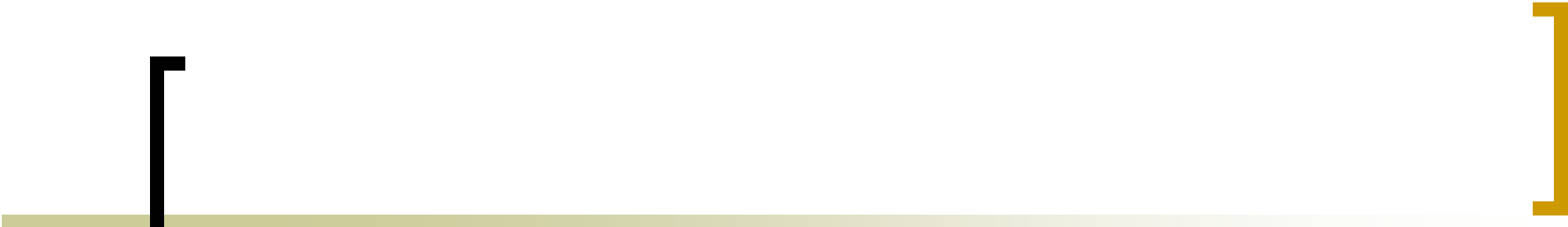


Network Activity



[What are the benefits?]

- Engagement with clinicians, managers and commissioners across a large geography to assess how well the whole system is working and to make the necessary changes to deliver improvements
- Expose inequities in treatments or access and provide framework to address these
- Provide a more balanced view to deliver service change from a wider perspective than from only one particular organisation
- Ability to plan services and improvements from the perspective of the patient

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- Improve the quality of local commissioning by advising where best to place resources to maximise benefit for patients
 - Advise on the appropriate implementation of national policy, research, and best practice across health economies
 - Support organisations on delivery of key cardiovascular targets
 - Provision of expert advice and information to assess current services, highlight strengths and limitations and identify changes needed to support redesign of the patient pathway

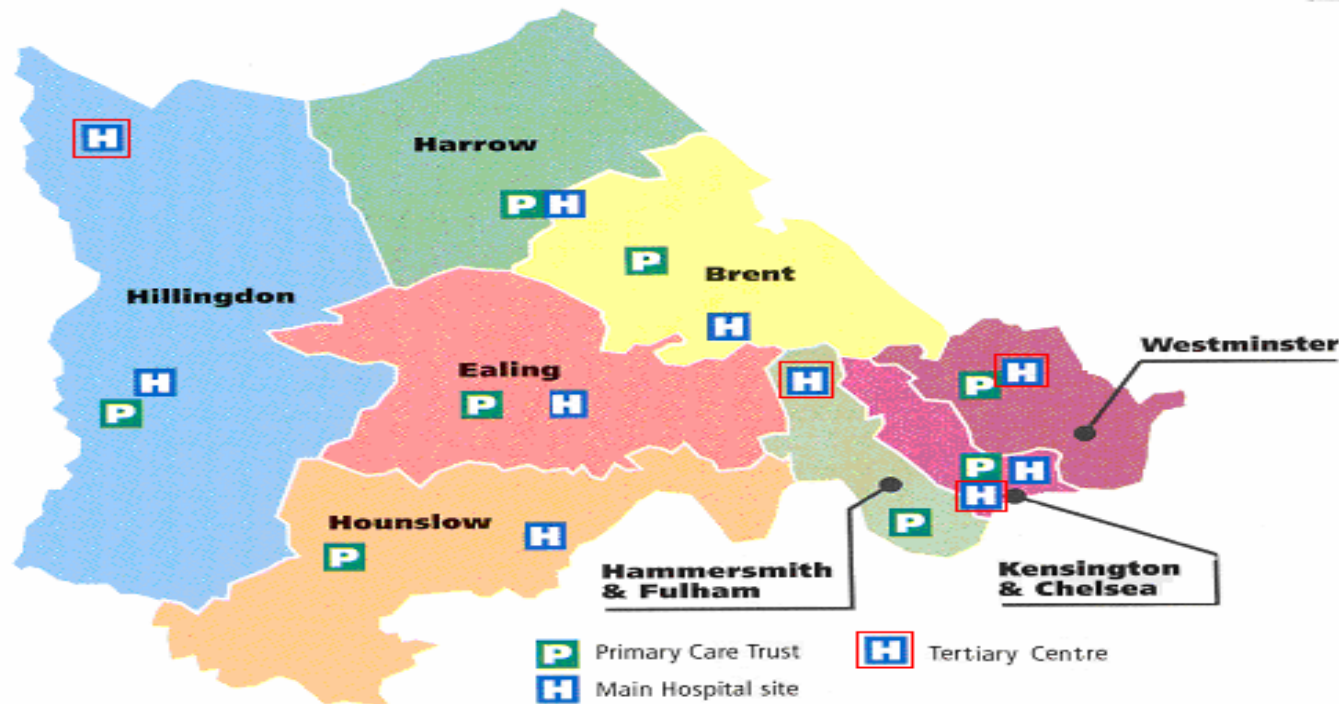
[Existing work streams]

- Heart Failure & End of life care
- Rehabilitation
- Primary Care & Commissioning
- Patient & Public Involvement (Heart2Heart User Forum)
- Medicines Management
- Revascularisation (Primary Angioplasty, Inter-Hospital Transfers)
- Non-invasive Imaging
- 18 week wait
- Workforce & Education

[Additional Priorities 2007-08]

- Arrhythmia Care
- Primary Prevention
 - 'Smoke Free London' initiatives
- Primary Prevention Registers
- Grown up Congenital Heart Disease
- Stroke care

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