



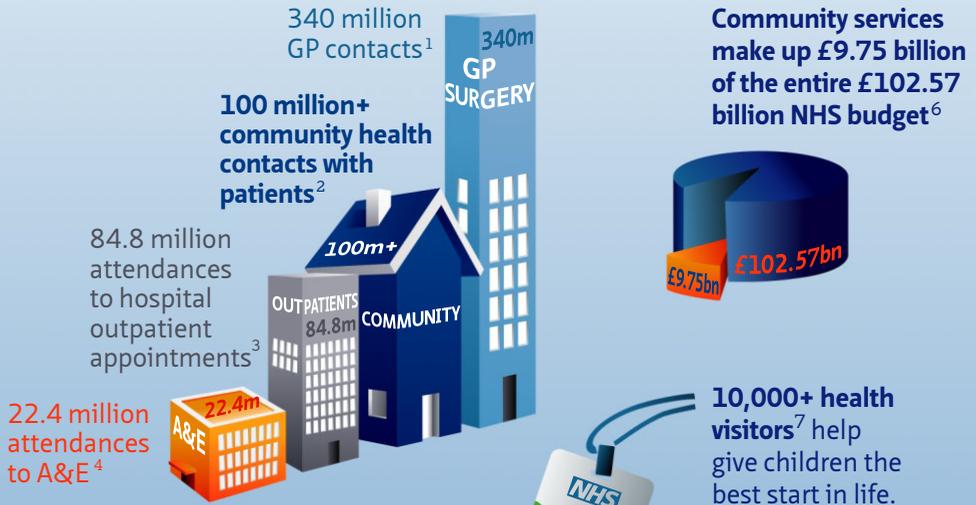
# What are community health services?



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10,000+ health visitors<sup>7</sup> help give children the best start in life.



**47,000+ community service nurses<sup>5</sup>** coordinate and provide care for millions of people with complex needs and multiple long-term conditions.



**Specialist services:** e.g. for learning disability, dementia, disability equipment.



**Physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and podiatrists** help recovery e.g. after a fall or stroke, and enable people with disabilities to live independently.



**Keeping you healthy:**

- school nurses
- sexual health
- smoking cessation
- falls prevention.



**Multi-disciplinary teams** – highly skilled, specialist teams provide home care for people with serious complex illnesses, e.g. intravenous therapy at home rather than in hospital.



**'Rapid response'** alternative to A&E – in Birmingham, 1,668 admissions were avoided through nurses diagnosing and treating, saving £4.4 million.<sup>8</sup>



**Small local hospitals** treat minor injuries, offer treatments and provide inpatient rehabilitation.



**81 per cent of people would prefer to die at home.<sup>9</sup>** Community palliative and end-of-life care can enable this and improve quality of life.<sup>10</sup>

## The future?

“Out of hospital care needs to become a much larger part of what the NHS does.”

NHS England Five Year Forward View

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1. NHS England 2013
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