

A Guide to Health & Social Care Abbreviations



Involving you to improve health and social care

A

A & E	Accident & Emergency
ACAS	Advisory, Conciliation & Arbitration Service
ACP	Anticipatory Care Plan
ACSP	Adult Carer Support Plan
ADP	Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
AFC	Action for Children
AOHL	Action on Hearing Loss
AHP	Allied Health Professional
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ALEO	Arm's Length External Organisation
ASB	Antisocial Behaviour

B

BANG	Borders Additional Needs Group
BAVS	Berwickshire Association of Voluntary Service
BCC	Borders Carers Centre
BCLN	Borders Care Learning Network
BDA	British Dental Association
BDWG	Borders Dementia Working Group
BGH	Borders General Hospital
BIAS	Borders Independent Advocacy Service
BMA	British Medical Association
BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
BOPP	Borders Older Person's Partnership (Group)
BRN	Borders Recovery Network

C

CAB	Citizen's Advice Bureau
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CBT	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
CHD	Coronary Heart Disease
CHI	Community Health Index (Scotland) CHI number – Individual Patient Number
CIC	Community Interest Company
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
COSLA	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
CPN	Community Psychiatric Nurse
CPP	Community Planning Partnership
CRAG	Clinical Resource and Audit Group
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
CSA	Common Services Agency - NHS
CYPP	Children's and Young People's Partnership

D

DBI	Distress Brief Intervention
DEEP	Dementia Engagement and Empowerment Project
DfE	Department for Education
DH	Department of Health (England)
DME	Department of Medicine for Elderly
DNA	Did Not Attend
DoH	Department of Health (Scotland)
DP	Direct Payments
DSPG	Dementia Strategy Planning Group
DSS	Department of Social Security
DWG	Dementia Working Group
DWP	Department of Work and Pensions

E

EIA	Equality Impact Assessment
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat

F

FAQS	Frequently Asked Questions
FOI	Freedom of Information
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FRS	Financial Reporting Standards
fSDC	For Scotland's Disabled Children

G

GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulations
GMS	General Medical Services
GP	General Practitioner

H

HAI	Healthcare Associated Infection
HEAT	Health Efficiency Access Treatment (NHS Targets)
HEI	Healthcare environment Inspectorate (Scotland)
HIA	Health Impact Assessment
HIP	Health Improvement Programme
HIS	Healthcare Improvement Scotland
HR	Human Resources
H&SC	Health and Social Care
HSE	Health and Safety Executive

I

ICF	Integrated Care Fund
ICP	Integrated Care Pathway
IJB	Integration Joint Board
ILF	Independent Living Fund
IM&T	Information Management and Technology
ISD	Information Statistics Division
IT	Information Technology
ITU	Intensive Care Unit

J

JHIT	Joint Health Improvement Team
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K

KPI	Key Performance Indicators
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L

LA	Local Authority
LAC	Local Area Coordinator / Coordination
LCP	Locality Citizen's Panels
LD	Learning Disability
LTC	Long Term Conditions

M

MAC	Meeting Around the Child
MCN	Managed Clinical Network
MH	Mental Health
MHB	Mental Health Board
MHWBF	Mental Health and Wellbeing Forum
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MRSA	Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
MS	Multiple Sclerosis
MWC	Mental Welfare Commission

N

NDCAN	National Dementia Carers Action Network
NHB	New Horizons Borders
NHS	National Health Service
NICE	National Institute of Clinical Excellence

O

OoH	Out of Hours
OSCR	Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator
OT	Occupational Therapist

P

PASS	Patient Advice and Support Service
PC	Primary Care
PCWG	Parent Carer Working Group
PD	Physical Disability
PDSG	Physical Disability Strategy Group
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
PFPI	Patient Focus Public Involvement
PIs	Performance Indicators
PIP	Personal Independence Payment
PPF	Public Participation Forum
PVG	Protecting Vulnerable Groups
PWD	People With Dementia
PWMH	People With Mental Health

Q

QA	Quality Assurance
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R

RCEM	Royal College of Emergency Medicine
RCGP	Royal College of General Practitioners
RCN	Royal College of Nursing
RNIB	Royal National Institute of the Blind

S

SAMH	Scottish Association For Mental Health
SAS	Scottish Ambulance Service
SBC	Scottish Borders Council
SBCAB	Scottish Borders Carers Advisory Board
SCIO	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
SCVO	Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisation
SDS	Self-Directed Support
SDS	Skills Development Scotland
SHC	Scottish Health Council
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SOBS	Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide
SPG	Strategic Planning Group
SPICe	Scottish Programme for Improving Clinical Effectiveness
SPSP	Scottish Patient Safety Programme
SRN	State Registered Nurse
SRN	Scottish Recovery Network
SSAQ	Supported Self-Assessment Questionnaire (used in SDS)
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
SUCWG	Service User & Carer Working Group
SVQ	Scottish Vocational Qualification
SWS	Social Work Services

T

TSI	Third Sector Interface
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U V W

WRAP	Wellness Recovery Action Planning
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X Y Z

YC	Young Carer
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