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## Public Health England becomes UK Health Security Agency

**On 1 October 2021 PHE officially becomes the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)**

On 1 October 2021, Public Health England (PHE) transfers all health protection functions to the [UK Health Security Agency](#) (UKHSA) [1], including the commissioning (to NaTHNaC) of travel health services. [NHS Test and Trace](#) will also become part of the UKHSA [1-2].

The health improvement and public health work of PHE transfers to the new [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities](#), [NHS Digital](#), [NHS England](#) and [NHS Improvement](#) [2-3].

Existing PHE branded documents can continue to be found on the GOV.UK website with all new guidance and publications branded as UKHSA.

NaTHNaC will update our website to reflect these changes where appropriate.

### Resources

- [UK Government: UKHSA priorities in 2021 to 2022](#)
- [Department of Health and Social Security: The future of public health: the National Institute for Health Protection and other public health functions](#)

### References

1. [UK Health Security Agency launches with a relentless focus on keeping the nation safe. Press release 1 October 2021 \[Accessed 1 October 2021\]](#)
2. [United Kingdom Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\). UKSA operational launch - rebranding digital channels. 23 September 2021, \[Accessed 1 October 2021\]](#)
3. [Department of Health and Social Care. New body to tackle health disparities will launch on 1 October, co-headed by new Deputy Chief Medical Officer. 3 September 2021, \[Accessed 1 October 2021\]](#)